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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1912, No. 1033.-Vol. LXXX. SIXPENCE.

RELEASED BY LORD SANDHURST: THE YOUNG STRANGER AND THE BRIDE—IN "A VENETIAN NIGHT," AT THE PALACE.

As everyone interested in such matters knows, Professor Max Reinhardt's production of "A Venetian Night" was to have been presented at the Palace on Monday of last week, but was censored by Lord Sandhurst as a sequel to a report by one of his representatives. Later in the week, the Lord Chamberlain himself witnessed a private performance of the play, made certain suggestions, which it has been found possible to carry out, and so removed the ban. As a result, it was arranged to stage "A Venetian Night" at the Palace on Monday last. In our photograph, Herr Paul Biensfeldt is seen as The Young Stranger, and Mile. Maria Carmi as The Young Marquise, The Bride. The other characters are The Bridegroom from Mestre; The Lover; The Hotel Proprietor; Trapolla, a domestic servant; Trastullo, a waiter; and Pipistrello, a beggar boy. The action takes place at an hotel in Venice in 1860.—[Photograph by Foulsham and Banfield.]



INVEST . ME . IN . MY . MOTIEY; GIVE . ME . LEAVE . TO . SPEAK . MY . MIND "

Our Christmas Pudding. "When I was a boy," I said, in that slightly sentimental, slightly regretful, wholly maddening tone that every wife knows and loathes,

"we always made the Christmas pudding ourselves. That is to-say, my mother used to make it, whilst my father and the other ten of us stood round and helped. It seems so much more Christmassy, somehow or other, to——"

"I don't know what all this fuss is about," retorted Dolly. "If means that you want me to make the Christmas pudding myself, I will make it."

"But can you?" I asked, rather startled. A Christmas pudding has always appeared to me one of the darkest mysteries of this mysterious place we call the world.

 $\lq\lq$  If I can make other puddings, I suppose I can make a Christmas pudding !  $\lq\lq$ 

"You have never actually made one, then?"

"Even your mother," she reminded me icily, "had to begin."

We decided to have at it that very evening, after dinner. Dolly dashed off to the market-town on her bicycle, and soon there was a steady trampling of feet outside the tradesmen's door. I peeped into the parcels as they were delivered. There were suet, and flour, and raisins, and mixed peel, and a nutmeg, and a ground cinnamon, and sultanas, and currants, and a lemon, and eggs, and some shredded almonds.

" Does it really require all those things," I asked, " to make one poor little pudding ? "  $$^{\circ}$$ 

Argument. "It isn't going to be a poor little pudding," said Dolly. "It's going to be a rich little pudding. There will be more ingredients than those required, if you want to know."

"I do want to know. What are they?"

"Well, brandy, and bread-crumbs, and sugar, and salt."

"You mean sugar or salt, don't you?" I had been making good use of my time.

"No, I don't. I mean sugar and salt."

" Have you studied your Mrs. Beeton?"

" Of course."

"Very well. Mrs. Beeton doesn't say anything about sugar. She says, 'A pinch of salt,' but there's nothing about sugar."

" Are you sure?"

"Quite. See for yourself."

"She must have forgotten it," said Dolly, carelessly throwing down the book. "Anyhow, I shall put sugar."

'And salt?"

"Yes, and salt. Then we can't be far wrong."

This little conversation showed me clearly enough that we were in need of an experienced, superintending eye. In a house hard by there lives a very wise and calm lady. I suggested to her, privately, that she should chance to drop in on us after dinner. This she did.

Mixed Peel—
How to Slice. "Would you like to chop the suet, slice up the peel, or crumble the bread?" we asked generously.

The wise and calm lady decided to crumble the bread. (She is one of those rare people who seem to go through life without making mistakes). Dolly dashed at the suet, and I, after weighing all the ingredients—a task that requires intellect of a high order—flung myself on the mixed peel.

Now, I have my own theory as to the slicing of mixed peel. Candied-peel is a subtle food. Some people get along well with it from the very first—or almost from the very first—whilst others never make a real friend of the sustenance. Obviously, one should not trick people into eating something with which they cannot agree, yet people are often tricked into eating candied-peel merely because it has been cut up into such tiny pieces. I have been fooled that way myself.

My splendid plan was to cut it into nice large pieces, easy to avoid by those who had no affection for the provender, but offering solid satisfaction to those who had. Dolly and the wise lady, failing to grasp my theory with the rapidity which I should have expected, laughed.

"Look at him!" cried Dolly. "Look at those huge pieces of peel! That won't do at all! Give it to me! You can wash the currants. Tip them into the colander and hold them under the tap."

It is a habit with me to suffer injustice in silence. I went into the back-kitchen with the currants.

Currants—How to Cleanse.

How is one to thoroughly clean any real way of

How is one to know when currants are thoroughly clean? I do not believe there is any real way of knowing. My opinion is that

cooks just guess at it. "That'll do," they say, without knowing in the least whether it will do or not. I was determined that the currants in our pudding, at any rate, should be perfectly clean. It requires patience and the philosophic outlook to cleanse currants. I placed the colander under the tap, sat down, filled my pipe, lit it, and fell to musing on the fitfulness of life.

"Do we not," I asked myself, "in some sort resemble the humble currant? We, too, must ripen before we are of real use to mankind. We, too, must be placed in the colander of the world and drenched with the waters of experience. We, too, have our appointed niche in the pudding of humanity. Life, after all," I thought, "is very like a Christmas pudding. It begins in chaos and ends in a lurid——"

"What are you doing?" called Dolly, breaking in on this beautiful train of thought.

"Washing the currants," I called back.

"Bring them here at once! They won't have an atom of taste left!"

"But how do you know they 're clean?"

"Clean? Of course they 're clean! I wonder the poor little things aren't absolutely washed away!"

Again I suffered in silence.

Why the Pudding Turns Black.

It was now time to tip all the dry ingredients into the basin and mix them up. We discovered, to our amazement, that the basin was not nearly large enough. One had to mix very gingerly, and I was sure that we had made enough Christmas pudding for a garrison.

"Not a bit of it," the wise lady assured us. "Wait till you add your liquids. You will find that you have one ordinary-sized pudding, or two small ones."

This came true. Dolly added the milk and the eggs, and I added the brandy. Mrs. Beeton advises one wineglassful of rum or brandy, but that seemed to me a little mean. When Dolly's back was turned, I put in another sound go. . . . They looked exactly like Christmas puddings when we had jammed them into the little basins and tied their caps on.

"I wonder," I said, "what makes them go black?"

"Duffer!" replied Dolly. "The currants, of course."

"I think not. I think it must be the brandy."

The wise lady shook her head. "The boiling," she said quietly.

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A correspondent, sending us the photograph and the photograph of a picture which are reproduced above, says: "Mile. Zina Brozia, of the Paris Grand Opera, is generally acknowledged to be one of the greatest beauties of the French stage. A member of the Cubist School has painted what he describes as her portrait. He wishes to exhibit this, claiming that he has a right to do so; while the singer, it is reported, forbids him to show it, and threatens him with action at law if he exhibits it."

### IN TWO CIVIC YEARS: MISTRESSES OF THE MANSION HOUSE.



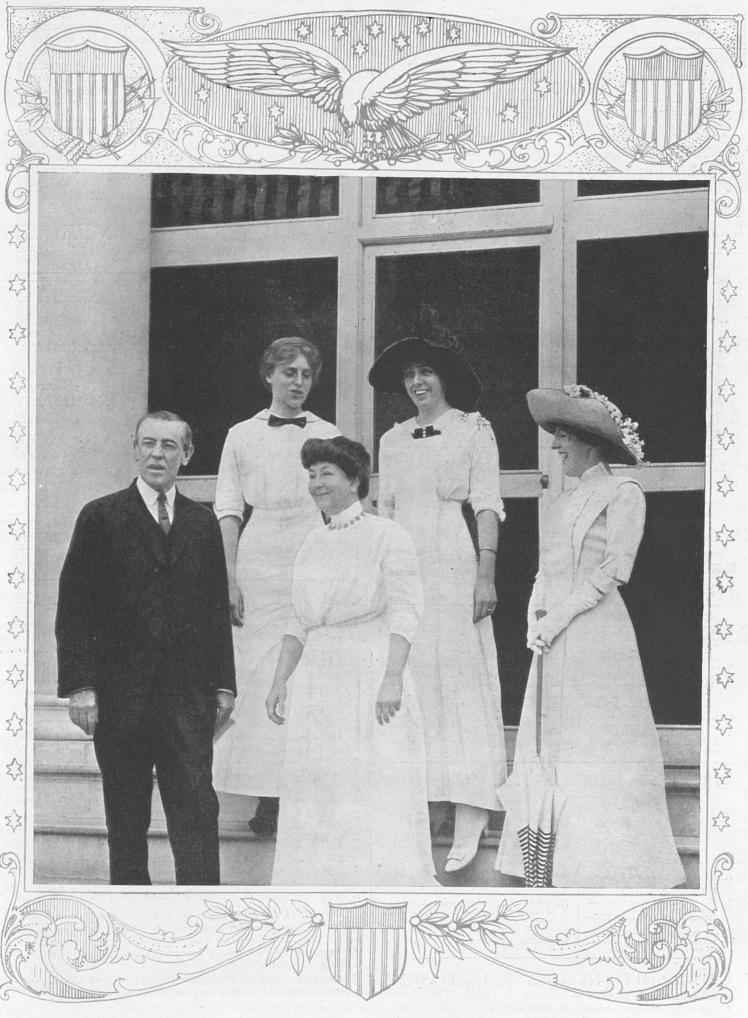
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AWARDING THE CANINE "V.C.": MISS CROSBY, LADY MAYORESS IN 1911-12, PLACING A "HERO'S COLLAR" ON TRILBY FOR SAVING LIFE FROM FIRE.

As we have already noted, the first photograph on this page shows Lady Burnett, the present Lady Mayoress, with nine of her eleven Maids of Honour. From left to right are seen Miss Bowater, Miss Dorothy Burnett (both sitting), Miss Edith Sleap, Miss Marjorie Baddeley (both standing), the Lady Mayoress, Miss Mona Bower (sitting), Miss Gertrude Burnett (standing), Miss Mary Cooper (sitting), Miss Smallman (standing), and Miss Freda Wakefield (sitting). The other two Maids of Honour are Miss Nancy Truscott and Miss Gwendoline Marshall. Master Paul Baddeley is the Lady Mayoress's only page. The second photograph shows one of the last official acts of Miss Crosby as Lady Mayoress—her presentation of a "Hero's Collar" to Trilby, the dog whose timely warning saved the lives of the Illingworth family at a recent fire. Masters George and Percy Illingworth are also seen in the photograph.—(Photographs by Langfier and Partridge's Piderial Press.)

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## A GERMAN CRITIC OF ENGLAND: A GERMAN GENERAL ON THE TURKS: CREUSOT VERSUS KRUPP.

A wet Fifth of November seems to have com-The End of mitted the memory of Guy Fawkes to oblivion. Guy Fawkes. Guy Fawkes. Very few of the usual small boys' processions appeared last Tuesday. Even the word "guy" is undergoing a change of meaning, for the Americans have adopted it as part of their slang, and with them it means "a person." "Are you the guy that rapped at the door?" does not, in Americanese, mean an insult to the person so addressed, and a "wise guy" is absolutely complimentary, for it means an intelligent fellow. "To do a guy" is a flower of English slang, and means "to run away," but whether it got its meaning from Guy Fawkes' flight, I do not know.

"England's Weak We Englishmen are always ready to cry ourselves down, and it will not be altogether unsatisfactory to many of us to read what a German who has lived for fifteen years amongst us considers our weak points. Herr Herrggelet has written a book concerning us which really might have been written by some misanthropic Briton whose liver was troubling him. Most of the rules of life that he thinks are accepted by the average Englishman begin with "Never" or "Don't." We are supposed never to excite ourselves, never to reflect, never to alter anything, never to learn anything, never to prevent anything, never to be in a hurry, and never to keep an engagement unless it has to do with amusement or sport. Herrggelet must, I think, have been unfortunate in the British whom he met in business; but his belief that all our life is regulated by negative rules only shows that he has never got through the crust of coldness behind which the real impulsive, sensitive, and shy Englishman shelters himself.

Field-Marshal von der Goltz is as silent as the General Imhoff Sphinx concerning the Balkan campaign, and Talks. has rejected an American offer of a fabulous sum for a magazine article on the failure of the Turks. I understand that he was considered at the German War Office to have been too loquacious on the subject of the Tripoli campaign of the Italians against the Turks, and that he is determined not to allow such a charge to be brought against him again. One of the generals who served under him in Turkey, General Imhoff, has, however, become restive under the aspersions thrown on the Turkish artillerymen, whom he trained, and has explained that though in theory the

PROBLEMS AS GREAT AS THAT OF ADVANCING WITH THE ARMY! CORRESPONDENTS PLAYING CHESS DURING IDLENESS ENFORCED BY THE REGULATIONS OF THE BULGARIAN GENERAL STAFF AND CENSOR.

Chess has its victories no less renowned than war—at least, so think the votaries of the game. In any case, it is a useful way of killing time, and the war-correspondents in the Balkans have had to kill a good deal, owing to the idleness enforced upon them by the strict military censorship. Photograph by L.N.A.

Turkish gunners knew all about their guns, they were never allowed to fire them in battle practice, because of the scarcity of ammunition, and because of an order from headquarters that they were not to waste any of it in practice.

#### Some of the Mistakes of the Turks.

Uncertainty of distance and direction in the earlier stages of the great battles, a shortage of ammunition during the latter stages, when the artillery of the combatants was at comparatively close ranges, were amongst the reasons why the



BULGARIAN ARMY AIRMEN: LIEUTENANT MILKOFF AND LIEUTENANT TARRAKSHEF AT MUSTAPHA PASHA.

Not very much has been heard of the doings of airmen during the war, though one of the war-correspondents, Mr. Percival Phillips, of the "Express," reports that in the service of the Bulgarians the value of the aeroplane for reconnaissance and fire-control has been fully proved. Recently it was reported that one of the airmen, M. Popoff, a Russian, was brought down by a Turkish gun while flying over Adrianople. If so, he was the first airman to be killed in battle,—[Photograph by Illustrations Sureau.]

Turkish artillery has failed in the present war. The Germans are very naturally disturbed to find that the Creusot guns supplied by the great French firm to the Balkan allies have everywhere

dominated the Krupp guns with which the Turks were provided by the firm at Essen. Of course, the man behind the gun has to be taken into all calculations, and the German public may be comforted by the knowledge that the Bulgarians never stinted money to bring all the arms in their service to the highest point of efficiency, whereas the Turkish army has always been starved. But those military prophets who have constantly said that the German Colossus has feet of clay will see in the Turkish débâcle a foreshadowing of what might happen even to a greater host. The French of late years have believed that they have the best artillery in Europe, and the success of the Bulgarians and Servians will confirm them in this opinion.

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It may sound an unfeeling thing to wish for, but I hope that all the Prepared. miseries of the retreat of the Turkish forces after their defeats at Uskub and Kirk Kilisse will be pictured in our papers, and on the screens of cinematograph theatres, with none of the awful details suppressed. All the horrors of war have been for so many years so far away from the knowledge of Englishmen that the great mass of our fellow - countrymen have forgotten what war really means. Our great - grandfathers heard the stories of the fearful privations during Moore's retreat to Corunna, but neither in the Crimea nor in any of our Colonial wars has there been any parallel to the terrible disasters which have come upon the Turks through their unpreparedness. It is no use crying to our young men that they should arm and be prepared unless at the same time they are shown what is the penalty for unpreparedness.



under fire.

The Lady and

the Play.

But in certain company, he discovers, he apparently relinquishes his rights to

the compliment of disregard. The other

day, with the First Lord of the Admi-

ralty for his host, his table was fairly

the Play. bury Avenue, the Vice - Chancellor of Oxford has an

antagonist hardly less formidable in Miss Horniman. "Hindle Wakes" may

be forbidden, but the lady has her say.

She is contemptuous of all censors, and

particularly of the amateur censor.

Does she forget that even she is that? Her money, according to her fancy, opens and shuts theatres, produces

While Lord Sandhurst

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HEAD INSPECTOR THE INSURANCE ACT IN IRELAND: MRS. NANNIE HARRIS WALKER.

Mrs. Walker is the daughter of the late Matthew Harris, M.P. for Galway, and one of the founders of the Land League, generally known as "Honest Matt Harris." She has much experience as a journalist and as a worker in all social causes in London for eighteen years. She is the "Frances" of "T.P.'s Weekly." Photograph by Parker.

most commonplace Edwardian epistles out of the hands of the dealers. They may handle Milton and Shelley, but Edward VII. has not yet fallen entirely into their grasp.

Elveden entertained "Old Iveagh and Company," a young company in honour of the King. If his Majesty still feels the burden of youth that Lord Rosebery put upon him, he was able to test the joys of comparative middle age when Mr. Rupert and Lady Gwendolen Guinness, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Guinness, Lord and Lady Acheson, and Lady Linlithgow formed his bodyguard for walks round and about Thetford. His Majesty and Lord Valletort, born in the same year, struck the balance of Time, for M. de Soveral and Sir Ernest Cassel and



PRESENTED WITH A DIAMOND RING:

MRS. WILLOUGHBY HODGSON.
At the Annual Dinner of the Society of Women Journalists, Mrs. Willoughby Hodgson was presented with a diamond ring, in recognition of her valuable work as Hon. Secretary of the Society—a position she has just relinquished after having held it for three years. She is the author of two very

successful books on old china.

Photograph by Elliott and Fry.

SINCE reference was made in our issue last week to the of Edward VII.'s letters, fresh specimens have made their appearance in the catalogue of a Strand bookseller. One is official and of little interest; the other, to "My Dear Duchess," offers his congratulations on the lady's Turf successes; but even this note, on so inviting a theme, in no way upsets our estimate of the late King's capacities as a letter-writer. The official note is catalogued at £1 5s., the Duchess's at £8 8s.—prices which show that a king is most valued when he is least conscious of his kingship. Edwardian letters but rarely come into the market. The feeling which, at the last moment,

prompted the withdrawal from the auctionroom of a note to Lady Stradbroke seems to keep the

WIFE OF A FORMER TURKISH AMBASSADOR TO GREAT BRITAIN, AND FOUNDER OF THE RED CRESCENT SOCIETY: MME. RIFAAT. Mme. Rifaat, founder of the Red Crescent Society, was the first Christian to come to this country as the wife of a Mohammedan Ambassador to the Court of St. James's. She is as popular as she is charming, which is saying a great deal.—[Photograph by Lafayette.]

their host provided, without being grave and grey, an ele-Grey ment of elderliness. beards they certainly are not; and M. de Soveral's cheek however cleanly shaven, is still suggestive of subcutaneous blue. He might, for the colour of his chin, still bear the nickname that was his in the more frolicsome Edwardian era.

Prince Louis Mr. Churchill's of Battenberg Luncheon. finds that, as a rule, he can lunch at the Carlton without frightening a neighbouring table into whispers, or attracting more than an occasional covert scrutiny from eyes that sparkle over the rim of a champagne-glass. Children's Protection Societies, respect him, which does not mean, however, that he bores, or is bored, by Brooks's.

Suppers, Sunshine, is claiming or the Stakes? its winter crowd, but the well-filled boattrains that leave London daily for the South have not yet affected the population of, say, Prince's Skating Club, or restaurants at supper-time. The Duchess of Portland and the Duchess of Westminster were both at Prince's the other day, and the Savoy has its five hundred guests most nights. The Liverpool Races, however, are attractive - among others, to Countess Zia Torby.



CENSOR OF AND FINALLY PASSER OF "A VENETIAN NIGHT": LORD SANDHURST, THE LORD CHAMBERLAIN. Lord Sandhurst, who felt it his duty to censor "A Venetian Night," has held his exalted office for less than a year. He has since revised his decision after having personally attended a private performance, and it was arranged that a "Vene-tian Night" should be produced at the Palace Theatre on Monday

of this week, November 11.

tory of the national drama in Dublin. For a time her aid was invaluable; but when the Abbey Theatre was kept open the night after King Edward's death, she strongly disapproved, and did not hesitate to mark her disapproval in a manner almost as effective as that of the Oxford potentate.

> Changes in the " I Say and King's House-hold bring Lord Seal."

Saye and Sele into the position of Comptroller. A man of strict life and easy manner, he is exactly made for the post. As a soldier he has listened to bullets, as a courtier to compliments; he is as brave in the presence of Bishops as of Zulus, and his manner at a drawing-room meeting is a model of its kind. Committees, whether of Rural Development or of



WIFE OF THE NEW SECRETARY TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY AT TOKIO: LADY KILMARNOCK.

Before her marriage, which took place in 1900, Lady Kilmarnock was known as Miss Mary Russell Mackenzie, only daughter of Sir Allan Russell Mackenzie, the second baronet, Lord Kilmarnock is the eldest son of the Earl of Erroll, who sits in the House of Lords as Lord Kilmarnock.

Photograph by Lafayette.

#### WE TAKE OFF OUR HATS TO-



MR. E. ASHMEAD-BARTLETT—FOR HIS WAR-CABLES TO THE "TELEGRAPH" AND FOR BEING SAVED BY AN "ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS" REPRE-SENTATIVE, SIR BRYAN LEIGHTON.

After the battle of Lule Burgas, Mr. Ashmead-Bartlett, who was with the Turks, was exhausted with hunger and fatigue. "My brother and Sir Bryan Leighton," he writes, "wandered quite by accident into the village of Sakizkoy, where they found Ismed and myself in such dire distress." [Photograph by Elliott and Fry.]



THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK—FOR SAYING, "I AM SICK OF THIS HOT, PANTING, BLEAR-EYED FICTION OF THE PRESENT DAY."

The Archbishop added that "Twentieth-century fiction is obsessed with the sex problem." Needless to say, his remarks have provoked much dissent among publishers and authors. Photograph by Russell.



MR. M. H. DONOHOE-FOR HIS BRIL-LIANT WAR - CABLES TO THE "DAILY CHRONICLE."

CHRONICLE."

Of his own experiences Mr. Donohoe wrote:
"In the open Thrace veldt . . . I started to
motor the 45 miles to Rodosto . . . Darkness
overtook me. . . . The automobile sank to its
axle in a mud-hole." Eventually it was pulled
out by oxen. "We mounted and dashed away
out of range of the Bulgarian artillery."

Photograph by Newspaper Illustration



MRS. BROOKE — FOR BEING THE ONLY WOMAN STOCKBROKER IN THIS COUNTRY AND CON-DUCTING A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS IN THE CITY.

Although handicapped by the fact that the Stock Exchange is closed against women, Mrs. Brooke manages to conduct a successful stockbroking business in Bucklersbury. She started two years ago, taking over the business of a Miss Bell. Her husband, Brigadier-General Brooke, C.B., distinguished himself in the Boer War, and was dangerously wounded at Colenso.

Photograph by Illustrations Bureau.



MISS SOPHIA YOVANOVITCH (x) - FOR BEING THE SERVIAN JOAN OF ARC AND JOINING THE RANKS
TO FIGHT AGAINST THE TURKS.

Miss Yovanovitch was born at Belgrade in 1893. Her father, who owned land in Macedonia, suffered much from the Turks. On his death-bed last year he made his daughter swear to take the place of a son in fighting against the Turks in the event of war. She obtained leave to join the ranks personally from King Peter, and went to the front.



ADMIRAL SIR BERKELEY MILNE - FOR BEING COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE BRITISH FLEET IN EASTERN WATERS.

EASTERN WATERS.

Sir Berkeley Milne, the Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet, recently left Malta with the cruisers "Good Hope" and "Dartmouth" in connection with affairs in the Near East. The "Inflexible" has been ordered to replace the "Good Hope" as his flagship. Great Britain has 8 battleships, 5 cruisers, I gunboat, and 10 destroyers at or on the way to Turkish ports. Sir Berkeley went through the Zulu War, and was wounded at Ulundi.—[Photograph by Lafayette.]



MR. STANLEY HOUGHTON - FOR BEING THE AUTHOR OF "HINDLE WAKES," AND FOR HIS UNFLINCHING COURAGE UNDER THE BAN OF THE VICE-CHAN-CELLOR OF OXFORD UNIVERSITY:

Mr. Stanley Houghton's play, "Hindle Wakes," so much admired in London at the Playhouse and the Court, was to have been played by Miss Horniman's Company at the New Theatre, Oxford. The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Heberden, however, refused to sanction it.

Photograph by Hoppe.



MR. G. A. REDFORD - FOR FLICKERING INTO PUBLICITY AGAIN AS CENSOR OF FILMS.

Mr. Redford, formerly Examiner of Plays, has been appointed Censor of Films for the Incor-porated Association of Cinematograph Manufac-turers. On his black list are compromising love situations, prize fights, dog fights, and mixed bathing,—[Photo, by Illustrations Bureau.]



MR. VICTOR GRAYSON - FOR FINDING A MORE PLEASANT OCCUPATION THAN BEING AN M.P.-THAT OF MATRIMONY. Mr. Victor Grayson, the well-known Socialist, who was formerly M.P. for the Colne Valley, and made himself very conspicuous on certain occasions in the House, was married the other day to Miss Ruth Nightingale, an actress. The ceremony took place at a Registrar's Office in Chelsea. The bride's father is a banker. Photograph by Vandyk.



#### LORD BURNHAM.

ORD BURNHAM entertained the King when he was Prince; Lord Burnham entertains the Prince now that he is King. Thus his Majesty pursues, as everyone predicted at the

time of his Accession, his continuous policy in friendship. And Hall Barn, too, stands for a continuous policy-of loyalty: Hall Barn, the common ground between King George and the Press, the nearest approach that Majesty makes to the mighty heart of Fleet Street. When he sits at his host's table—the Table of the Lawsons—he has the rare sensation, he has smilingly remarked, of sitting in an editor's den.

An editor's " Home!" den, or a lion's? "The roaring young lions of the Daily Telegraph, was Matthew Arnold's word for the young men who set out to make a democratic journal. They ended, of course, at the foot of the Throne; they became the young lions: who ramp upon the royal standard. That, they found, was where the democracy wanted them. And Lord Burnham is the D.T. personified. Its loyalty is his own; its



AT A MEET OF THE BEAUFORT: COL. FRANK HENRY (ON THE LEFT), WITH THE DUKE OF BEAUFORT. Colonel Frank Henry, of Elmestree House, Tetbury, was formerly in the 9th Lancers, and was Hon. Lieutenant-Colonel in the Gloucestershire Yeomanry from 1867 to 1903. He has been Hon. Secretary of the Beaufort Hunt for 24 years .- [ Photograph by C.N.]

life his own. Hall Barn and
Norfolk Street, Park Lane, may be the addresses on his card; but everybody knows that the house of his choice is nearer St. Paul's. The "Home" he calls to his chauffeur after a day's, or, rather, a night's, work is merely a convention. "Home means a certain twist of the steering-wheel, a flashing of lamps towards the West. But is Lord Burnham, or is his man, convinced?

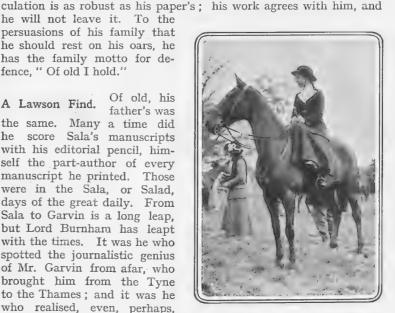
"Burnham Pulls the Strings."

Lord Burnham at work is a memorable person. Burnham Pulls the Strings. A telling article, a powerful piece of reporting, a special "coup" in news-for all of them he is responsible. He has chosen his men, and chosen their tasks. He praises and blames until he can approve his paper-approve it every day. "I have had your letter," he said not long ago to a member of his staff who had set forth certain difficulties of his office work; "some parts of it are true, some partly true, some utterly false." That is characteristic. He fights through a mass of detail, and sifts and sifts. He has been known

to lie awake o' nights over a misprint. But Lord Burnham's cir-

he will not leave it. To the persuasions of his family that he should rest on his oars, he has the family motto for defence, "Of old I hold."

A Lawson Find. Ut old, inc. father's was Of old, his the same. Many a time did he score Sala's manuscripts with his editorial pencil, himself the part-author of every manuscript he printed. Those were in the Sala, or Salad, days of the great daily. From Sala to Garvin is a long leap, but Lord Burnham has leapt with the times. It was he who spotted the journalistic genius of Mr. Garvin from afar, who brought him from the Tyne to the Thames; and it was he who realised, even, perhaps, before Mr. Garvin himself, that one paper could not give sufficient elbow-room to the present editor of the Pall Mall Gazette and the Observer.



A NAMESAKE OF THE GODDESS OF HUNTING: LADY DIANA SOMERSET. Lady Diana Maud Nina Somerset, the younger daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Beaufort, was born in 1898.—[Photograph by C.N.]

The Royal Reader. Not only at the Hall Barn breakfast-table does the King turn the pages of the Telegraph. It is an open secret that his Majesty looks at it every breakfast to see what he himself has been doing and saying, and is made to feel in its columns, more than anywhere else, that his realm has four estates. "Edward Rex, of Fleet Street," was one of the late King's jesting titles for his namesake. The tables may be turned. There are moments when a king becomes something of a Pressman. It is said of King George that he can generally bet a sovereign, and better himself, as to the name of a writer of an anonymous article in the Daily Telegraph.

A word of Hall Barn itself. "Telegraph-ease" Hall Barn. reigns there. Its style is ample — ample as the style of a D.T. "leader." It has, however, other literary traditions to maintain. Its poets are as famous as its pheasants. Part of "Paradise Lost" was written in the Grotto; and Edmund Waller had his house on the same site. Another Edmund — Burke — lived there at a time when it was called the "Gregories"; and if any shade dictates the rhetoric of the writers who gather round that board, it is his who said, what Lord Burnham's life strangely belies, that the age of chivalry is dead.



WITH THE DUKE OF BEAUFORT'S AT ELMESTREE, NEAR TETBURY: THE DUKE OF BEAUFORT. LADY BLANCHE SOMERSET, AND THE DUCHESS OF BEAUFORT.

The Duke of Beaufort is Master of the Beaufort Hounds, whose kennels are at Badminton, near Chippenham. Badminton House is the Duke's Gloucestershire seat. The Duchess of Beaufort, who married the Duke in 1895, was the widow of Baron Carlo de Tuyll, and formerly Miss Louise Emily Harford. The elder of the two daughters of the Duke and Duchess, Lady Blanche Somerset, was born in 1897. Their only son, the Marquess of Worcester, was born in 1900. Photograph by C.N.

# BLUE - AND - BUFFS: WITH THE BEAUFORT HUNT.



- 1. LADY BLANCHE SOMERSET.
- 2. THE DUKE OF BEAUFORT MAKING A PRESENTATION TO COLONEL FRANK HENRY ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE SECRETARYSHIP.
- 3. MRS. WALMSLEY, MISS BAKER, MISS W. BAKER, AND MR. MILDMAY.
- 4. COLONEL FRANK HENRY, SECRETARY OF THE BEAUFORT FOR TWENTY-FOUR YEARS.
- 5. MRS. PRIDEAUX-BRUNE (DAUGHTER OF COLONEL HENRY), AND SIR AUDLEY NEELD.
- 6. MRS. LOWSLEY WILLIAMS AND HER DAUGHTER, THE YOUNGEST FOLLOWER OF THE HOUNDS.
- 7. COLONEL FRANK HENRY SHAKING HANDS WITH THE DUCHESS OF BEAUFORT.

The opening meet of the Beaufort Hunt this season took place on Monday of last week at Elmestree, near Tetbury, the home of Colonel Frank Henry, who has just resigned the honorary secretaryship of the hunt after holding that office for twenty-four years. The occasion was made memorable by the presentation to Colonel Henry, who is extremely popular, of his portrait, painted by Mr. John Bacon, R.A. The presentation was made by the Duke of Beaufort, who read out the inscription in an album containing the signatures of about five hundred members of the hunt, alluding to the Colonel's "unfailing courtesy, ready tact, and genial and kind manner." The Duke of Beaufort, who is the ninth holder of the title, was born in May 1847. He is Hereditary Keeper of Ragian Castle and High Steward of Bristol.—[Photograph's by C.N.]

#### BACK AT THE APOLLO: THE FOLLIES IN TOWN AGAIN.

The Return of the Follies.

Let me begin by admitting that I am fond of the Follies. There are playgoers who turn up their noses at them. Nevertheless, although cally as "intellectuals"; sometimes sneered at as "faddists" or "cranks"; sometimes abused as "earnest students," formerly de-

nounced as "Ibcenites"—a joke on the word Ibsen-and last week referred to pleasantly in one paper as "the dullards who think it is the business of the drama, of which they are the self-constituted champions, to improve our minds," I have spent some happy evenings at the home of the Follies. I used to enjoy the German Reed entertainments. The youngest generation may ask, who were the German Reeds, or what, or why, and-but this is not the place to talk about them. My heart sank a little when I discovered, on the first night of the present season, that the orchestra was occupied, not by a couple of pianos, but by a collection of grave-looking instrumentalists. Some feeling of instrumentalists. vexation assailed me when the curtain rose and showed us a new scheme of

THE FOLLIES' VERSION!
"MR. ALFRED BUTT" AND
"MLLE. GABY DESLYS."

le mieux c'est l'ennemi du bien. And, CARICATURED BY H. M. BATEMAN. oh, it was sad to miss some of the young, familiar faces. Everybody knew that Gwennie Mars was gone, that a selfish matrimonial monopolist was keeping all to himself the rare gifts that used to delight thousands. But where were the other petticoat Follies? Alas! Miss Fay Compton was the only one left. The group of men is intact, for which much thanks—I don't know to whom. The first part went very well: Mr. Lewis Sydney, with the blinking brows, gravely told us funny stories, one of them about a dog-a little bit moss-grown—but we laughed all the same. Some of us would laugh if he were merely to recite the alphabet. Miss Doris Vane, a newcomer, won a hearty encore by singing, with an excellent soprano voice and capital style of diction, a song about the misdeeds of the sun during this summer, and added a stanza of the Follies' haunting old "Moon Song." Mr. Morris Harvey gave us some admirable mimicries of popular players, suggesting their possible style of music-hall singing. It would do the objects of his fun some good to hear this number. There was a weird quartet, called The Waster's Waltz "-it was funny and taking; and also a quite delightful parody of an old English glee. So far, very good.

Folly decorations. What folly not to

have acted on the wise French maxim.

The Grand Symphonic Poem with which the A Musical Joke. A Musical Joke. first part concluded is none the worse because it has already been given at Queen's Hall. It makes an acceptable addition to the rather limited collection of successful musical jokes, which, however, do not appeal to everybody, for although you need not possess a real knowledge of music, you must have some appreciation of it in order to hear the fun of the strife between the National Anthems of Europe at the great International Peace Conference. Of course, if you have not a musical ear-in which case you are in company with very many eminent people—you rather miss the point. Even then there is amusement-Mr. Lewis Sydney with his absurd, elaborate instrument, the Follyphone, and his frantic efforts to induce the "beastly thing" to contribute its quota of noise; and you can get pleasure from watching the merriment of the musicians, of the talented, highly trained members of the orchestra, some of whom could hardly do their duty because laughter assailed them. It is very difficult to play a reed or wood or brass instrument and laugh at the same time. So the first part ended brilliantly with a blare of trumpets.

"St. Kippers." The second part consisted of "St. Kippers." Should I say anything about it? Ought I to imitate the ignoramus who exasperated Macready by writing, "De

mortuis nil nisi justum''? "St. Kippers" died young, I cannot say unmourned, unwept. It was withdrawn after the first night, and I expect there was a good deal of weeping and gnashing of teeth at having to withdraw it. A joke on a Gargantuan scale, founded on a quaint idea which reminded me of a deliciously comic story by Emile Zola, called "La



A SHADOW — AND A SUBSTANTIAL PÉLISSIER.

CARICATURED BY H. M. BATEMAN.

Fête à Coqueville." People over here often forget that the terrible Dreyfusard and author of "La Bête Humaine" did write some funny stories. Not only was the joke too long and better suited to the antediluvian days when Methuselah was merely an exceptionally old man, but there was far too much drink in it. Thank goodness, we have reached a stage of civilisation when drink humours are going

out of fashion. And yet, there were amusing moments in "St. Kippers" and a real comic idea.

THE STALLS AT THE APOLLO ARE SOMEWHAT CLOSE TOGETHER.



AND WHEN IT COMES TO LAUGHING SOMETHING HAS TO GO!

The Third Section. A burlesque revue seems an absurdity, and even "The Follies," when they attempt to burlesque burlesque, run risks, and when they present their burlesque insufficiently rehearsed, they can hardly expect the public to be enthusiastic, and on the first night it was not enthusiastic. Some members, I fancy, would have acted on Pope's suggestion to "shoot Folly as it flies"; but folly did not fly, it stood its ground, so no one shot. And now the programme has been considerably altered. "St. Kippers" is gone, and the Morality Revue has been revised, and that popular burlesque, "The Whip," is once more in the bill, and also "Mal de Mer"—a skit upon French comedy as seen through the Follyscope. There is room, by the way, for a shot at the American plays which threaten to monopolise our theatres. So the clever company, headed by the popular Pélissier, after a little bit of a shock that may do a great deal of good, are at it again, with a programme considerably altered, and seem likely to continue to contribute to the gaiety as well as the folly of nations. E. F. S. (MONOCLE).

CARICATURED BY H. M. BATEMAN.

#### OUR UNTAMED ARTIST AT THE PLAY: THE FOLLIES.



QUELLEQUEE (MISS FAY COMPTON). QUELQUECHOSE (MR. MORRIS HARVEY).

THE DIVINE SARAH (MR. PELISSIER,

THE POTTER POTTED AT: MR. BATEMAN VISITS THE APOLLO ON CARICATURES INTENT.

The Follies-headed, of course, by Mr. Pélissier-opened a new season at the Apollo the other day.

CARICATURED BY H. M. BATEMAN.

AVE Queen Alexandra's days ever been fuller? Sir Frederick Treves to consult, not for herself, but for countless others. She has Prince Olav to play with, and the Queen of Norway to advise as to shops and plays; she has the

Danish Minister and M. de Villalobar

MARRIED TO MAJOR CHARLES CRICHTON ON THE 7TH: MRS. CHARLES CRICHTON (FORMERLY MISS DOROTHY DAWNAY),

Mrs. Crichton is the daughter of the Hon. Eustace and Lady Evelyn Dawnay. Her father is the eldest of the three brothers of Viscount Downe, and her mother is a daughter of the late Viscount Malden. A portrait of Major Crichton was given in our last issue.—[Photograph by Rita Martin.]

mination of many small activities. On Dec. 1 is the anniversary of her Majesty's birth, and if the Prince of Wales leaves Oxford at all between now and Christmas it will be to wish his grand-mother "Many happy returns" in her country home.

Queen Alexandra is not alone Well Mated. among Englishwomen who are bound, for personal reasons, to put Greece

to receive—the one with news from Denmark, the other straight from the Empress Eugénie at Farnborough. The chairman of the London Hospital and dozens of nurses, to all of whom she gives the badge of the Red Cross Society with her own hand, have reason to remember her unfatigued smile. And to the late Chevalier Martino and his sea-pieces she has paid her last tribute at the Exhibition in Bond Street.

To the scheme for a "Stead" Business and a Birthday. Memorial Hos-

telry for Women, Queen Alexandra, an ever-constant friend, has, moreover, given her readiest support, and

the Coleridge-Taylor Concert has her patronage. These things, and many more like them, are no mere affairs to which she gives her name because it is asked for. They represent in every case personal interest and attention. Sandringham and a birthday are before her, the cul-

> SON OF PRINCE MIRKO OF MONTE-NEGRO AND GRANDSON OF KING NICHOLAS: PRINCE MICHAEL.

Prince Michael, born at Podgoritza in 1908, is the elder of the two sons of Prince Mirko, second son of King Nicholas. His younger brother, Prince Paul, was born in 1910. Prince Mirko married, in 1902, Nathalie Constantinovitch.



The Broken Earl Winter-ton has always Bone. tumbled to his duties in the House. He has fallen out with Labour members, and even had

stead; and his grand-

daughter, Miss Irene

Noel, shares out her

time in equal por-

tions between her grateful Greek peasants and her—also grateful— English friends. It is her knowledge and love of the peasant on her father's property which now puts spurs to her surgical studies in a London hospital before she goes out to help in the nursing that will absorb the energies of Greek ladies, and their competent English allies, for many a month to come.

justification giving to Greece her chief



ENGAGED TO SIR WILFRID PEEK, BT. , MISS EDWINE THORNBURGH.

Miss Thornburgh is the second daughter of the late Mr. W. H. Thornburgh and Mrs. William Stribling, of St. Louis, U.S.A. Wilfrid Peek, of Rousdon, Devon, is the third Baronet of a creation dating from 1874. His mother is a

the curious thrill of apolosister of Viscount Midleton. gising for heated words to his horny-handed opponents. But that sort of tumbling does not suffice. He is still a Sussex man, who likes better than his safe Sussex seat at Westminster a seat that is more perilous and entertaining. His collar-bone, at any rate, is broken again. He was out the other day with the Crawley and Horsham Hounds, and ended the run in a convenient bed put at his disposal by his friend, Colonel Rawson.



THE WEDDING OF MISS MARGARET AINSWORTH AND MR. ARTHUR MURRAY SMITH: THE BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM, THE BRIDESMAIDS, AND THE BEST MAN.

The wedding took place on November 5 at St. Margaret's, Westminster. Prince and Princess Alexander of Teck were present, and the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles officiated, Mr. Arthur Murray Smith, who is in the 2nd Life Guards, is the eldest son of Mr. George Murray Smith, of Gumley Hall, Market Harborough, and a nephew of Lord Belper. Mrs. Arthur Murray Smith is a daughter of Mr. J. S. Ainsworth, M.P. for Argyllshire, and sister of Lady Massereene and Ferrard.—[Photograph by C.N.]





MISS IVY BELL-IRVING AND THE HON. IAN COLIN MAITLAND, WHOSE MARRIAGE WAS FIXED FOR NOVEMBER 11.

The bride is the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Bell-Irving, of Rokeby, Barpard Castle. Mr. Maitland is the only son of Viscount Maitland and a grandson of the Earl of Lauderdale. He is twenty-one, and was educated at Eton.

Photographs by Lallie Charles and Mayall.

first among the needy nations. Mme. Gennadios, the wife of the Greek Minister, is an Englishwoman; but with her Greek name she possesses also a heart that beats with the Hellenes. Her brother, Captain Laing, is typically a sporting Englishman; her sister, Mrs.

Edward Kennard, the writer of sporting novels, typically a Northern Islander, and so, perhaps, had been Mme. Gennadios. But now, instead of Scotch terriers and horse-shows and pheasants monopolising her interests, she is all for the welfare of Greek women and Greek wounded.

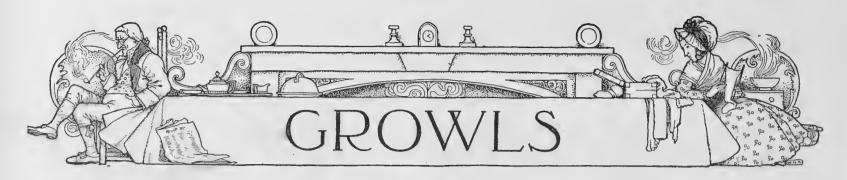
Miss Irene Noel, again, has Greece's Living Link with Byron. particular solicitude. When Byron died, Lady Byron sent her nephew out to look after the poet's belongings. He found the Turks in flight, and from a hasty landowner who was only too anxious to be quit of his land, he bought 25,000 acres in the Island of Eubœa, one of the most beautiful spots in the world. His son now rules in his

# CENSORED! THE BRIDE OF "A VENETIAN NIGHT."



IN THE REINHARDT PRODUCTION WHICH WAS TO HAVE BEEN SEEN AT THE PALACE ON MONDAY OF LAST WEEK: MLLE. MARIA CARMI AS THE YOUNG MARQUISE.

"A Venetian Night," a spectacular wordless play in thirteen episodes, was to have been produced at the Palace by Professor Max Reinhardt on Monday of last week. Those who went to see it met disappointment, for they were confronted with a notice which read: "Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace, S.W., November 4, 1912: Dear Sir, I am desired by the Lord Chamberlain to inform you that after receiving the report on the dress-rehearsal of "A Venetian Night," he regrets he is unable to license the performance.—Yours faithfully, G. H. Crichton, Major, Assistant Comptroller." "Briefly" (we quote the official synopsis), "the argument is that a Young Bride, mated to a man for whom she has no affection, is beloved by two others—one the Young Stranger, the other, the Lover. The Bride so far returns the passion of the Lover that while the Bridegroom is, over the wine-cups, celebrating the happy event of the day, she yields to the ardent wooing of her adorer. The Young Stranger, misunderstanding the Bride's intentions and profoundly chagrined, falls into a sleep, during which the action of the next eight episodes occurs. With his awakening from the nightmare the action of the story is resumed." The scenes of the episode are Outside the Hotel; Hall of the Hotel; the Young Stranger's Room; the Bride's Room, Pholograph by Hans Bohm.



#### THE UBIQUITY OF BOOKS: VOLUMES, VOLUMES EVERYWHERE, AND NOT A STOP TO THINK.

the pockets of a long-

poems, essays, and memoirs

come breathlessly treading on each other's heels. Each

morning and evening the papers devote page after page to an exhaustive analysis of these products,

finding, as a rule, that they contain much that calls for

adulation, and as often as

not that the latest production marks an epoch in

the annals of literature.

Geniuses to-day are as thick

as thieves in Vallombrosa,

and masterpieces spring up,

like mushrooms, in a single night. With certain bril-

liant and welcome excep-

tions, every inhabitant of these isles is an author now-

adays—our peers are playwrights, our solicitors, son-

neteers, and our newsboys,

novelists, and nobody takes

any steps to check the

grammar to the dogs, and

casting punctuation to the

four winds of heaven, old

and young plunge wildly into the perpetration of

volumes, greatly to the detriment of their allotted

work in life, and little to the

benefit of mankind at large.

It seems to be nobody's

business to tell them plainly

that they are undesirable

and undesired; on the con-

Throwing

torrential flow.

suffering public.

It is a piteous thing to see a naturally cheerful disposition growing slowly and surely churlish, and my own is a case in point. Chiefly responsible for this disastrous deterioration of a beautiful nature is the appalling output of books. Not a day passes but pertinacious publishers pour forth tons of tomes designed to ensnare the attention and deplete



A WOMAN JOCKEY WHO HAS BEEN RIDING AT BUDAPEST; MISS BULFORD. Miss Bulford, daughter of the well-known jockey, S. Bulford, recently applied for a license, was given it, and rode her first race the other day near Budapest. She was "up" on Izaz, in the Preis yon Goed, but was not successful; in fact, she lost fifteen yards at the start and finished last.

trary, they are encouraged by undiscriminating commendation to persist in their wild career, and even the art of damning with faint praise appears to have died out. They thumb their Press cuttings with avidity and pride, and something within tells them that the day is not far distant when oval portraits of themselves will appear in the daily papers.

The Growl's Gravamen.

All this, I grant, gives me no right to nurse a personal grievance, but I am entitled to register a serious protest against the prevailing habit of taking it for granted that I have read and am familiar with all this printed material. Why on earth I should be expected to have waded through all this mass of miscellaneous matter, I have never been able to comprehend. As a matter of fact, I have neither time nor inclination for the pursuit; and I am in a state of blind and blissful ignorance with regard to the geniuses and masterpieces of the hour. I am not wholly unread. I have a nodding acquaintance with Shakespeare, am not unversed in the Scriptures, and know several bits of Lewis Carroll by heart. But I cannot keep up with the moderns, and I make no effort to do so. Yet folks will quote, actually quote, from the most recent chef d'œuvre and look to me to understand what they are talking about. They will

casually allude to "the three towns," and when I mildly ask to which particular three towns they refer, they make no concealment of the fact that any respect they may have entertained for me in the past has now vanished into thin air. It is vain for me to plead, in self-defence, that I lack the leisure for a comprehensive survey of contemporary outpourings, and that to pick and choose among a galaxy of masters would be invidious and indiscreet. They will have none of it. I am to subscribe to circulating libraries, and even to buy, in order that I may dedicate my life to maintaining myself abreast of the times; otherwise I must submit to be regarded as an intellectual nonentity. If I attempt to re-establish myself in their esteem by some apt quotation from Gray's Elegy or the Book of Job, uplifted eyebrows at once indicate that I have said the wrong thing, and have given further proof of frumpishness. I must be up to date or be put promptly and permanently out of action.

Looking Ahead. Some day, perhaps, when I am finally past work, when my brain has shrivelled up, and when I am gnarled and bedridden, I may embark upon an occupation which is now barred to me. I may devote my declining years to a perusal of the magna opera of the newest comers, and in a measure, make up for my sins of omission in the past by steeping myself in study of "the very latest thing." But I make no promise; and until that day arrives, I claim an ordinary Englishman's right to live my life after my own tashion, and I definitely decline to be coerced into an investigation of developments which at present

I find I can very comfortably do without. By that time it may be that some limit will have been set to the output which to - day encompasses and overwhelms us, and that measures will have been taken to restrain it within reasonable bounds. It may be that by then the aspirant to literary fame will have been strained to pass an elementary examination and take out a license before thrusting his masterpieces upon a congested



WHY CAN'T THEY ALL BE THIS SIZE? A HEN'S EGG TWENTY-ONE CENTIMETRES IN CIRCUMFERENCE.

The egg, which is 21 centimetres (about 8½ inches) in circumference (round its width), and weighs 219 grammes (over 7 oz.), was laid by a hen belonging to M. Soussengeas, of Colombes.

market, and that the promiscuous issuing of unessential books will have been ruthlessly checked. Even the driver of a taxicab has to give some proofs of his proficiency before he is allowed to ply for hire, and it would be no great hardship to the fountain-penned experimentalists if some similar restriction were imposed upon them. Meanwhile, I refuse to budge, and think none the worse of myself for not being an authority upon their lucubrations.

Mostyn T. Pigott.

# Chings that Reep Us Awake.



No. V.- HOW TO PAY THE RENT.

DRAWN BY G. E. STUDDY.



#### PRIMITIVE - NOT TO BE FLIRTED WITH: THE MAN FROM THE MOUNTAINS.

BY MARTHE TROLY - CURTIN. Author of "Phrynette and London" and "Phrynette Married."

NCE upon a time, a troublous time, our time, there was a woman-emphatically "not a friend of mine." So perfectly constituted was she that at the age of five she was already displaying her graces for the benefit of the family doctor, the gardener, and the postman; and that she cried when seeing herself in the nursery mirror in de-poetising rag-curlers. There never was a more thorough, more conscientious, more accomplished, more painstaking, more skilled flirt.

I had once a thoroughbred Irish setter which had never

been trained for the chase. The beast was well fed and of lazy habits, yet it never saw a swan, a duck, or a widgeon without putting me on bad and expensive terms with the owner of pond or river. My dog, you see, was not a decadent lap-loafer. The blood of the first dog that barked at the Serpent in Paradise ran in his veins. In spite of dog-biscuits and fireside cushions, he had escaped degeneracy. So it was with the woman of this story. Flirting was practised by her pour l'amour de l'Art, and certainly not for anybody's love. Like the well-fed dog which chased a fowl he could not eat, like a footballer who hugs a ball he has no possible use for, she flirted, and saw to it that flirting was its own reward. She flirted for her own vanity and for her husband's glory. At each new

conquest, she seemed to proclaim to her world, "See! I, who can subjugate so many, am faithful to one, who yet has the immense disadvantage of being a husband.'

But there are tragedies in the best-ordered lives. That woman's tragedy was that she could not have fallen in love if she had tried ever so tenderly; that she did not know it was because she had

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THE DOGS' CLUB IN PICCADILLY: THE KENNELS OF THE UNITED TRAVELLERS AND COUNTIES CLUB.

in love with her instead of making love to her. He was an officer of an Eastern country, with an amusing name and a fierce moustache—this is vague, but one must be careful when talking of heroes. Him she found a little ridiculous. She disliked the rings he wore, and the way he ate macaroni. Also, he disconcerted her. He made her subtleties seem petty and meaningless by his absolute



OPENED BY BEAMING BLUNDERBUSS, THE CHAMPION BULLDOG OF THE THE DOGS' CLUB ATTACHED TO THE UNITED TRAVELLERS WORLD: AND COUNTIES CLUB.

The recently formed United Travellers and Counties Club, in Piccadilly, has made special provision, in the shape of elaborate kennels, for the dogs of members. These, it was arranged, were to be formally opened the other day by Beaming Blunderbuss, the World-Champion Bulldog. The dogs' "club" is under the charge of a resident veterinary surgeon and a qualified attendant, assisted by kennel-maids.—[Photographs by Partridge's Pictorial Press.] charge of a resident veterinary surgeon

-[Photographs by Partridge's Pictorial Press.]

"You had told me," the letter began, "not to write, but I must

never tried.

Of the men she

amused, or

who amused

her, some were

masculine re-

plicas of her-

self, others

mistook her

lack of temp-

erament for 'conscientious

objection,"

and admired

her all the

more, though

not for so

long. One man

of the latter

category, how-

ever, gave her the satisfac-

tion of falling

say 'Good-bye,' in case. . . . We have been walking for ten days in the wild mountains. At night we sleep à la belle étoile, only we cannot see it for the rain, which falls in torrents. Around our heads the bullets buzz like busy bees. Forgive the mudstains on that piece of paper; everything is bespattered with mud. We look like terracotta figures. We have many

acceptance of the value of words. As one should not use paradox with a child, a woman should not flirt with a primitive man.

That man from the mountains was both a child and a savage. He

rejoined his regiment, and the woman forgot him and the flash of

diamond-rings over a plate of spaghetti. Then the war broke out in the Balkans, and one day the woman, who was lunching with one of those men who are called "nice boys," because they are no

longer boys and have never been nice, except in their taste in ties-

the woman had to talk about the war, everything else that is always

said having been said. So she regaled the "nice boy" until,

the subject of war being exhausted, he, in turn, treated her with a new recipe for quails. Every man who has any pre-

tence to fashion must have the

culinary science of a Vatel, though he need not have his

pluck. With the words "truffles,

not mushrooms" still ringing

in her ears, the woman came home, and there a letter was

awaiting her. It was a letter with a beautiful blue stamp of

the colour of an Eastern sky. On it the fleet-footed Hermes waved his caduceus. The letter

had been forwarded to various

addresses, following the woman

on her frivolous ways. It was

rain-stained and limp, and looked

woman opened the envelope

like some tearful message.

dead and wounded; and among the killed are six officers in my division. My left foot has got something the matter with it, but I had not time to look at it, as I wanted to be first to reconnoitre the encampment of the Turks. We are supremely happy --- we are victorious. The words are



IN THE DOGS' CLUB: A KENNEL-MAID ATTENDING TO THE TOILET OF A COUPLE OF HER CHARGES.

nectar and ambrosia to us, though in reality we feed on bread and cheese"..." Truffles, not mushrooms," mused the woman and, as she read on, two tears, slow and laboured, through lack of use, mixed with the ink on the dirty, earth-stained letter.

She told me all this herself. Who knows, if he gets killedthat man of the mountains—she may yet be cured of flirting.

## TOUT LE MONDE LE FAIT!



"LE BARON DE PAUILLAC! HOW IS IT THE FAMILY DOESN'T PROTEST?"



"WHAT WOULD THIS BE IF IT WERE NOT PLEASURE?"

DRAWN BY ABEL FAIVRE.

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"OUR SPECIAL WAR-ARTIST": THE MEMOIRS OF MELTON PRIOR.\*

For the First Time and the Last.

On or about Nov. 3, 1873, Melton Prior, working quietly in his studio in Essex Street, Strand, received the summons which sent him to the front for the first time, as special war-artist of

The Illustrated London News. His final service in the field for that paper-or as near the field as the authorities would permit-was during the Russo-Japanese War. The first commission established his reputation; the last almost broke his heart, for, in company with dozens of others, he was so hedged about by rules and regulations deemed necessary in modern warfare, that he could not serve his Editor as he had always served him, and wished to serve him still - with inimitable sketches straight from the firing-line.

That was his only failure, and the fault was not his in the smallest degree. Right through his long and strenuous career he held his own in the first rank, and it is not too much to say that his drawings will take their place with the historic documents future generations must study if they would know the true story of the ways and the wars of their grandfathers and their greatgrandfathers.

Now has The Bullet Test. come his book, a valuable supplement to the work of his pencil. It is certain that many will read it, and equally certain they will find it fascinating. It is a very human document, and much in it will hold the attention. To deal with it in detail is impossible in the space at our disposal, but we may make a few quotations, in the belief that they will attract at least some of those thousands who should have it on their shelves. First a personal touch, to show the manner of man. Prior wrote it of himself during the Afridi campaign of 1897: "I remember when riding up country asking myself the question whether I would be able to stand bullets as I had in the past, and whether my nerve had changed, and I found on the occasion of this fight that I was hiding behind a house instead of watching and sketching the fight as it went on, and I said to myself, 'You are a coward!'-and as a punishment I went and sat between two guns that were

banging away, and made a careful sketch of the ridge from where the enemy were firing, and the bullets were whizzing about like hail. That was my atonement."

"Like Eels in a Bucket "; and a Saving Superstition.

Prior might have known himself without such a test. The greater part of his life was spent on the battlefield, and he was not one to shirk. Indeed, he did know himself. Of an incident during the Turkish War of 1877, he wrote:

"We mount another hill upon which the enemy's fire is still very heavy, and the shells are falling fast and furious-so much so, that the General, turning round, advises me not to follow him. But I thought an Englishman, though merely a Special Artist, was not going to give in like that, and where my General could go, so would I. So up the hill we went together. I found it certainly a warmer

\* "Campaigns of a War Correspondent." By Melton Prior. Edited by S. L. Bensusan. Illustrated. (Edward Arnold. 15s. net.)

place than was pleasant. . . . We . . . suddenly came in sight of another beautiful valley. . . . All at once a dash forward was The Turks were actually storming the trenches. After a terribly bloody conflict, they drove the Russians out at the point of the bayonet. When I arrived at these trenches to sketch, I found them full of dead and dying. Russians and Turks intermingled, lying on top of each other several deep-a struggling mass, like eels in a bucket-hands and legs sticking up still moving, yet without the slightest chance of the living being hauled out from the dead." Well might he write: "I have often thought, when going over a battlefield, that it is well with the dead; but for the poor wounded, lying there with, in some cases, a sorry chance of help reaching them

for hours, perhaps never at all, it is different." He was superstitious on one pointand he believed it saved his life. At Durban, on his way to the scenes of the Zulu War of 1879-80, he dreamed that he was with the relieving force to rescue Colonel Pearson at Etchowe, and saw himself shot and buried. By the next mail he received a letter from his mother, telling of a similar dream. He decided not to proceed, but arranged that a Mr. Porter should represent The Illustrated London News with the expedition. "When the fighting did take place at Ginghiloo, on the road to Etchowe," he wrote, "my specially appointed artist was one of the first killed."

curious Concerning an El Teb Sketch.

A curious thing happened too pened, too, after El Teb. By good luck and official aid, Prior got his sketch sent to England by the Jumna, which caught the Australian mail at Port Said, and so the drawing reached home a week ahead of the ordinary time. "I telegraphed to my office," he wrote, "to say, 'Present El Teb fight—posting sketch.'" Sir William Ingram, on receipt of this, advertised my telegram in the Daily News and other papers, and said he would publish the sketch on a certain date. On the following morning an illustrated contemporary advertised in the same papers to the effect that the postal time from Trinkitat to London was

seventeen days, and that anything published by any paper earlier than then would be fictitious, or an invention. Sir William again, on the following morning, once more announced in these papers that what he had previously stated was correct, and that he would publish my sketch on the date he mentioned. Unfortunately, he had miscalculated a whole week, for he certainly did not know my sketch was going to get there in ten days instead of seventeen; but it actually occurred, for the officer had posted it, and it arrived at my office within ten days. So delighted was Sir William at this fact that he sent down to the Daily Telegraph to ask the proprietors if they would like to publish a facsimile of my sketch, and they did so on the following morning on the front page."-For the rest, we have but space to remark that Melton Prior's book is not only one which will be read, but one which will be kept and And we must note, too, that there is not a page of it which does not contain engrossing matter concerning wars and the wagers of wars-and "Our Special War-Artist."



THE OLD ORDER CHANGETH! AN EMPEROR'S RESIGNATION EXHIBITED IN A SEDAN CHAIR IN THE STREET!

Our correspondent writes: "This curious photograph shows the original edict issued in February last by the Emperor of China, in which, obedient to the will of the people, he abdicated and placed the sovereignty in the hands of the nation. The Sedan chair is made of yellow silk, and the edict is written on yellow paper. The edict was exposed in front of the Palace on October 10 of this year."

#### UNCENSORED.



Billyum (advertising a Turkish bath and bursting with esprit de corps): Nawsty spiteful blokes those there Boolgarians. Dirty, too — never washes, I 'ear.

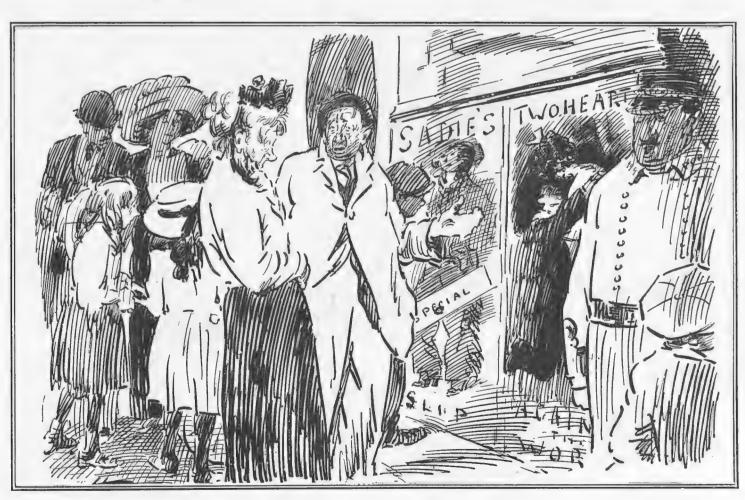
Arry: Yus, I 'opes as our chaps whacks 'em.

DRAWN BY ARTHUR GILL.



'Algy (dismissing his man from the room and waxing confidential): Awful fool, you know; but he suits me splendidly.

DRAWN BY ALFRED LEETE,



THE STERN MORALIST (looking at the cinema poster): Wot ! take yer to see that sort o' thing. Likely, ain't it? HIS WIFE: WIFE: WIFE: Wife, come t' that, they might be married.

THE STERN MORALIST: Married! Ain't yer got eyes? Can't yer see 'e's a-'uggin' of 'er?"

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CONCERNING A "PROFIT."



THE CURATE (engaged on a theological discussion with his landlady): And what do you think of the character of St. Paul?

THE LANDLADY: Ah, he was a good soul. Do you remember how he once said we should eat what is set before us and ask no questions for conscience's sake?—I've often thought how I would have liked 'im for a lodger.

DRAWN BY LAWSON WOOD.



#### PURPLE THE HAT.

By MARGARET CHUTE.

BY the curtained window Joseph Innes-King stood gazing into the street.

He was bored. Life seemed a huge, yawning desert, and Joseph Innes-King yawned whole-heartedly at the mere thought. Money, position, friends, all were his—without his seeking. Friends of that description are usually a trial; for it is more pleasant to be the seeker than the sought, which had been the fate of Joseph Innes-King during his thirty-two years of life.

Dinner was a thing of the recent past; a cigarette the business of an uninspiring present. Yawning again, Mr. Innes-King gazed darkly into the street. Round the corner, entrenched behind awnings, red carpet, six-foot-four footmen, winking electricity, and grinning, underdressed womanhood, a certain dowager lay in ambush, ready to acclaim him her "dear son-in-law."

Throughout a fatiguing season the said dowager had angled and planned, and plotted and counter-plotted; had run into debt and into the arms of the Jews in order that her youngest, her dearest, her sweetest Antigone might become the Honourable Mrs. Innes-King.

Perpetual battering wears down the strongest armour, given noe. And it must be admitted that Mr. Innes-King had been particularly obdurate. But even his powers of resistance had a limit; and he knew in his inmost, bored heart that a recent weekend house-party had severely dented him; also that the incipient round-the-corner dance would "finish him off," with the help of dearest Antigone.

"Confound it all!" muttered the dowager's victim savagely, "I don't want to marry the girl! Why should I?" Then he

remembered the dowager: and his knees shook.

At that moment something transpired in the street below. Joseph Innes-King watched in breathless, joyous silence; then rang the bell violently.

"Purley," said he, as that menial appeared. "I am going to be married."

Purley trembled visibly. "Go out," continued his master, "into the street, and look right and left till you see a woman in a-a Purple Hat.'

Purley gasped audibly.

"Do not," implored Innes-King, "make that unpleasant noise! The lady, in the Purple Hat, may not come at once. In fact, she may not come at all. But the first lady who passes along this street wearing a Purple Hat is to be asked to walk up here. You follow

Purley murmured words—unintelligible words.
"That's right. You evidently appreciate the situation. The lady, Purley, in the Purple Hat, will be the future Mrs. Joseph Innes-King.

Whereat Purley, pallid and perturbed, departed to do his dashedest.

In a few minutes he returned.

"Sir," he stammered, "when she-er-ahem!-when the

Purple Hat comes along—what am I to say?"

Innes-King lit another cigarette. "I leave it to you," he answered lightly. "Your discretion, Purley, is boundless. Say as much, or as little, as you please. And pray go-quickly."

Purley went. During a lengthy, uneasy five minutes Joseph Innes-King mentally compared the face of Antigone with that of another-woman; and consumed many cigarettes.

Then the door opened silently; and a girl, wearing a purple hat, walked in.

It was a deep, glorious purple—the colour of clematis on a summer night, when the moon shines. It wasn't a large hat; but it framed her face like a mysterious cloud, throwing quaint shadows round her well-set eyes, urging the clear pallor of her cheeks into stronger relief. And, like a ripple of scarlet, her lips quivered with some impulse towards mirth-or misery-as she stood regarding him.

Of Purley there remained not the vaguest shadow. His work was done.

The girl spoke. "He-your man," she stated indignantly, " told a lie!

old a lie! I do not know you!"
"Not yet," conceded Mr. Innes-King. "But you will!"

Her eyes swept over his unusually presentable exterior, from head to heels. Her scorn was glorious, her latent amusementdiablerie-what you will-being the sole factor that robbed it of conviction.

Turning, she marched towards the door. "Good-night," said she; and tried hard to go.

He, with the wisdom of Solomon, made no effort to restrain her. But curiosity, woman's worst foe, did its fatal work.

"At least you might have the courtesy to tell me why you sent ' she protested, her suède-covered hand fingering his door-

Whereat he laughed. "Certainly—oh, certainly," answer. "You'll find-this chair-er-quite comfortable."

She took him at his word, and regretted nothing.

"So Purley-my man, you know-said I knew you," he mused. Just exactly—how—did he persuade you to come in?

Quizzically she regarded him from the shade of the Purple Hat. "He said: 'My master has just seen you pass, Miss. He knows you, and you know him. Will you come in?' Now, candidly,

wasn't that enough for any woman?"

Joseph Innes-King beamed. "Purley is a genius; neither more nor less," said he. "And now, may I tell you a story?"

She jerked the Purple Hat the fraction of an inch nearer her level eyebrows. "Stories—if they are good ones—always appeal to me," she admitted.

But he couldn't begin. The situation was too much, even for his iron nerves. Besides, she was such a pretty girl.
"Tell me," he appealed, "first tell me your name? I'm called

Joe Innes-King."

"And I'm called—Sylvia," retorted the girl in the Purple Hat. "Sylvia-what?" The delicate possibilities of the name

delighted him. Sylvia will do, to go on with," she insisted; "when you have told me your story, I may tell you what follows-Sylvia."

Perforce content, he drew a chair facing hers, stretched forth his long legs, gazed at the ceiling, and began: "Once upon a time there was a man-quite an average sort of chap, poor deviland he had the misfortune to be born with a silver spoon in his mouth. Have you ever thought that a silver spoon might be a fearful drawback, Miss Sylvia?"

She laughed, knowing that her laugh was attractive. "It hadn't occurred to me in that way. Go on."

"Well, this poor Johnnie had every mortal thing he wantedand ever so many things he didn't want-from the moment he opened his eyes in this rackety old world. Money was the sort of nuisance he never had to bother over-it just came, whenever he asked for it. Friends arrived in battalions-everyone wanted to know him. Men liked to propose him for clubs, call him a 'good fellow,' and smoke his cigars. Women liked to be seen in his operabox, to 'nail him' for house-parties, to turn up when he played

polo at Ranelagh. In short—they tried to annex him. And failed."

"Her silence is sympathetic," thought Joseph; "she has an extraordinarily beautiful nature. Heaven bless Purley!" And continued aloud-

"It was a rotten life, Miss Sylvia. A dog's life. The sort of beastly feeling that one is liked for what one has, not what one is, becomes fairly unbearable after a time. And I-er-this Johnnie stood it for years! I couldn't begin to tell you the numbers of Society women who have yearned to be that chap's wife! Great

Scott! They simply won't stand counting."
"Poor things!—and they all received a gentle 'No;" suggested

She of the Purple Hat. "Ra-ther. Not one Not one of 'em made him turn his head; not one of 'em gave him a moment's pleasure, a moment's pain. And real love is pretty painful, at times. You see, he knew them all too well; knew just what they wanted-his money, and all it could bring—not himself."

She sighed. "I should loathe that," she agreed.

"But the climax came this season," resumed Joseph Innes-King. "There is a dowager, with many daughters, who have married in turn in order that the others may have a chance. Those marriages are not precisely-ideal. Well, one precious daughter remains; and for a solid season that girl and her parent have chased this unlucky beggar around."

Again she laughed. "He ought to have-run," she whispered.

But in her heart she didn't mean that.

"What was the use? Anyhow, things have grown worse and worse; the girl is pining, the mother growing visibly thinner; and the man is hating it all. It has come to this—the next time he meets that girl he has simply got to propose—or she will to him! And this marriage would lead to-wretchedness: for he's the sort of man who wants a wife, not a Society doll."

" So---? "

"So he's doing the only thing in his power. Quite suddenly, he's made up his mind to save the whole situation by marryingsomebody else!"

She sat up. "What is your object," she began severely, "in

asking me here, to tell me this—fairy-story?"

He rose, and towered over her. "Because the poor Johnnie," he stated heroically, "told me all about it, and asked me to find nim a wife. He-he wanted a wife in a Purple Hat; so I chose you!"

Thoroughly angry, she faced him. "You are mad!" she told him, her lips trembling again. "Purple Hat, indeed! Good-night!" "Don't go!" he implored her. "I want you! I simply can't do without you! It's a mystery to me that I've managed to exist thirty-two years without you—must have been that I felt you were in the world—waiting, somewhere, for me."

"For you!" gasped Sylvia of the Purple Hat. "For you?

And pray, what have you to do with this extraordinary story?

"I'm the poor Johnnie!" murmured Joseph Innes-King, and smiled weakly into her eyes.

She stared, in dawning comprehension, till a faint smile in her

eyes answered the laughter in his.

"I consider you the greatest fraud on earth," she told him. "You practically forced me to make your acquaintance by playing on my curiosity. Then you concoct a ridiculous story. And

"I ask you to marry me," quite calmly—the man with the dowager on his track spoke these momentous words, and waited her verdict.
"I—refuse!" quoth Sylvia, rather pale. "I absolutely—

I-I don't know you."

"But if you did know me—as long as I 've known you—would you, perhaps, say 'Yes'?" he inquired boldly.

At that she was thoroughly alarmed. "I don't know. I—I can't say—yes—no—I mean—— 'As long as you've known me'? Explain, please."

'Is my chair so uncomfortable?" he asked her. "I say, I

hate standing-thanks so much. 'As long as I've known you.' I 've known you—and loved you—for a week.

Slowly, the scarlet of her lips crept into her smooth, round

cheeks, and staved there.

"It's a week ago to-night that I first saw you walking along towards the Square—and, on the instant, I fell in love with—your hat! Purple, and quaint, and fascinating—like the glimpse of your face beneath it. Don't look so angry. I adore purple hats-always have!"

Her lips pouted, trembled, and curved into a smile. "You are—absurd," came her whispered words.

"Not at all. I am wise with the wisdom of several dowagersand their plans. After dinner, I stand at the window, smoking, watching the folk go by-and envying them for their freedom from my fetters. Every night, for a week, I 've seen you, watched you, loved you. Of course, I didn't know I loved you till to-night."

She stared. "Why?" she ejaculated hastily.

"To-night-when things seemed blackest-and my Fate was waiting round the corner, in the shape of a dowager, a daughter, all the extras, and the supper dance—you suddenly walked into my life! And then I knew that I would never-never-never marry that other girl—that only you counted, in all the world.

"So I sent Purley down to ask the first passing lady wearing a purple hat to come up—and knew it would be you . . . He is so

very discreet."
"Yes—he—he ran after me," laughed the owner of the Purple Hat. "But—suppose it had not been—me."

"I'd rather not," cried Joseph Innes-King. "Do you—can you—love me?"

"Not to-night!" cried Sylvia emphatically. "Certainly not to-night. Besides, you are stopping me from earning my bread and-butter. I'm a journalist, Sir; a hardworking Society 'writerup'; and I'm due at a dance at No. 26, in the Square, to get names and describe dresses."

"No. 26!—in the Square! Jupiter—that's my dowager's

place," shouted Joseph, in despair.

"Is it? And you are going there, too? Then come along, at once."

"Not yet" He seized her hand, and it quivered in his grasp. "Not yet," he whispered close to the brim of the Purple Hat, "and only on one condition shall you go-which is, that I go with you, as your future husband."

"Don't be abs——"
"Would you have me put my unprotected head into the lion's mouth? Oh, Sylvia, Sylvia! Quick-your answer-what is it?"

"My answer is-yes," murmured Sylvia. What else could she sav

And he kissed her, under the Purple Hat.



"S' orl swank! They won't fight — 'sides, wot could they do 'gainst the Br'ish Empire?"

<sup>&</sup>quot;I d'no s' much about that. My sister's married to a bloke in Belfast, an' she says e's bought one o' these 'ere punchin'-bags, an' the way 'e goes at it ev'ry blessed night 's sutthink 'orrible."



THE TURN THAT WAS NOT TO BE, BUT IS TO BE: OLD FAVOURITES.

VEN as the Assyrian came down like a wolf on the fold, so did the Lord Chamberlain swoop and upset the calculations of Mr. Alfred Butt last week. Since the music-

halls came within the compass of this high official's censorship he has, so far as is known, done nothing especially drastic, and his pounce was entirely unexpected. veto did not arrive until late in the afternoon of the proposed day of production, and immediately the telephone was set to work to collect a scratch company to take the place of that which was banned. A tremendous amount of work had been put into "A Venetian Night," and for weeks the Palace had resounded with the guttural tones of Professors and Doctors from the Fatherland, and everything had been prepared on the grandiose Reinhardt scale. One must assume that the Lord Chamberlain, quite cognisant of all this, would not prohibit the performance unless he felt he had ample cause for such action. But he has a duty to perform, and it would be idle to invest him with powers if he did not exercise them when he saw good reason to step in. He had not been content with a perusal of the scenario, but had sent a representative to see a rehearsal, and the ban was the outcome of the visit. Later. however, the Lord Chamberlain in person attended a private performance which was specially arranged, and at which perhaps modifications were introduced. Be that as it may, the result was that the taboo was withdrawn and it was arranged that the previously offending wordless play should be produced on the boards of the Palace Theatre on Monday of this week. So there was a happy ending of Mr. Butt's afflictions.



THE BANNED AND UNBANNED "VENETIAN NIGHT": THE DANCER. Photograph by Hoppé.

still beloved of her public, and can still do with it pretty much what she pleases. To those who are prudish and precise she cannot be expected to appeal, but there is a subtlety in



DANCERS AT PALLADIUM MATINÉES: FAY AND ROY LILMAR.

Roy Lilmar is twelve and a half; Fay is ten. They have always amused themselves by dancing to the tunes of their gramophone, inventing all kinds of steps. With their brother, Rowan, who is eleven, they have written several little plays for home-acting. Both Fay and Roy have been most successful at matinées at the London Palladium.

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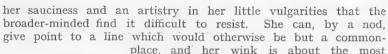
" Mahrie."

gramme of much of its

representative character. But Marie Lloyd can

in his tone that is almost affecting; and when, under the fascinations of a famous comédienne, is also out late, he tears up the photograph of his old woman, he rises to well-nigh tragic heights. It is not surprising that Wilkie Bard is popular, for he is the kindliest of comics. At one moment he is whistling softly, at the next he is making the people laugh, and soon he is inviting them to join with him in song. There is no one who can extract a chorus from an audience as he can. will issue his invitation and will then gently but firmly give instructions as to how the thing should be done, till in the end quite staid and respectable persons are drawn into his net, and find themselves, for the first time

who



place, and her wink is about the most unmistakable thing in the world. Attired in a caricature costume that is positively monstrous in its ugliness, she is now telling how a lady from the Hackney Road "would like to go again to Paris on the Seine," with characteristic reasons for the aspiration; and later on she sings with infinite vivacity a song, the burden of which is-

> It's wonderful what A wonderful lot The twiddle-y-wink can do.

Her comedy is of the broadest, and no one can claim for her any excessive striving after refinement, but there is no doubt that she has lost none of her hold on the affections of the people.

At the Oxford, again, An Oxford Man. there are no signs of any desire to be off with the old love, and here Wilkie Bard has been delighting huge audiences. His method is particularly attractive. He takes the house so completely into his confidence that stage and auditorium seem to be one. There is mellowness in his humour and benevolence in his philosophy. As far as voice goes, he might be an archbishop, and in appearance he occasionally suggests the Lord Chief Justice. When, in the character of an old night-watchman guarding street repairs, he gives good advice to the intoxicated general going home after a fancydress ball, there is a solicitous fatherliness



THE UNBANNED "VENETIAN NIGHT": HERR FELIX AS THE LOVER. Photograph by Hoppe.

in their lives, joining in a chorus at a music-hall. Having duly expressed my admiration, I may be pardoned for saying that I have my doubts about the bona fides of those "improvisations" of Mr. Bard's.

ROVER.

#### LINKS AMONG THE NATIONS AT WAR: GOLF ON THE YOK MAIDAN.

War and the Game.

To some people any big news that there is about always suggests golf in one way or other. It is, perhaps, natural in these days of "the universal game "that it should do so. The game gets mixed up with

big questions in peculiar ways. The ugly truth—if it is a truth has just been stated in a high place that the Territorial Army is a dead failure, and I remember, and so do others, that when a crisis of this kind first began to be feared a year or two back there was a Cabinet Minister to say that it would be very much better for the movement if no golf were played by any of the young men, and if the links were made into rifle-ranges. It might be, or it might not; it struck many of us that this view lacked statesmanlike breadth and insight. When our good young men play no games and take no exercise it may not be a very fine thing for the soldiery; and please re-member that of all the professions, the two that are keenest and cleverest at golf are the Army and the Bar. And so this talk of armies and news and topical matters naturally leads a part of the public in a kind of curiosity to wonder what sort of links there may be out in the Near East, where all the terrible fighting and crushing of the Turk has been going on. Well may they ask, for the truth is that the Balkans and Greece and miserable Turkey make a mighty poor show in the matter of golf links, and so far it has hardly been worth the while of any traveller who was Athens or Constantinople bound to take his clubs with him.

Turkey's One

of my know-Course. ledge and belief, all those six countries can only scrape up two courses among them, and neither is such that a society of caddies would be delighted to play on in a penny sweepstakes competition. Bulgaria, Roumania, Servia, and Montenegro are absolutely golfless - an extraordinary state of things for such a piece of Europe, even though it is a piece that has had its progress hindered, and has not been regarded as a centre of enlightenment and Some might say that progress. only one course, and not two, should be scheduled for the theatre of war, for the other one, which we are giving to the credit of Greece, is not in the directories, and it might

not be easy to get a game on it. It might be even that it does not now exist; but when the Olympic Games were held in Athens a few years ago, I know there was one then, somewhere near the capital, but it was a royal possession, and intended chiefly for the royal family and their friends. Now at Constantinople there is a real Constantinople Golf Club, being British, of course, in origin, management, and almost entirely in membership, the British Embassy having been the moving spirit in the enterprise. Demolished Turkey, then, scores over everything out that way, and the game

MR. R. H. JOBSON (UNIV.), WHO BEAT MR. G. SPENCER (3 AND 2).

MR. R. L. FEUVRE (EXETER), WHO BEAT MR. A. TINDAL ATKINSON (2. UP).

SUNNINGDALE v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY: THE FOUR OXONIANS WHO WON THEIR MATCHES.

Sunningdale beat Oxford by 6 to 4. The portraits of the four Oxonians who won their matches are given on this page. Photographs by Sport and General.



MR. G. B. CROLE (UNIV.). WHO BEAT MR. E. P. LUCAS (6 AND 5).

MR. R. V. BARDSLEY (MERTON), WHO BEAT MR. J. S. WORTH-INGTON (3 AND 2).

has been played on the Yok Maidan, or Arrow Plain—" Yok" being Persian for "arrow" and "Maidan" Turkish for "plain" for some eight years past. In its way the Yok Maidan is one of the most wonderful golf courses in the world, though not the kind on which the world's championship will ever be played. In far-back ages sultans and their suites used to shoot with bows and arrows upon it in the way of competition, or for their own amusement, and on the course now there are broken pillars with guarding - stones round them marking the spots at which some particularly well-shot arrows fell. It seems to the modern golfers of Constantinople that some of their own shots done under such dire difficulties are at least as worthy of commemoration by stone monument.

The Yok Maidan Troubles for is a public kind Players. of place, and all sorts of people besides golfers use it. It is not so much of a plain as a big hill with a flattish top. There is some fair sort of grass upon it, and there are deep gullies and ravines for hazards. There are also two or three dew-ponds and rough roads to be considered in the golfer's schemes. The greens are quite passable, all things considered, for, like the rest of the course, they are purely natural, not an inch of turf having ever been laid on them. Some of the people who golf in Turkey say that their course is the only one in the whole world on which a spade has never been used, and that may be true. The soil is of a red sandy loam, something like clay in places, and there is a venerable Turk for greenkeeper. He puts a wooden roller over the nine greens now and then and looks after the flags. There are Turkish caddies to carry clubs at four piastres, or ninepence, a round, and a fore-caddie is usually necessary. The golfers' annoyances are, however, very tense at times in Constantinople. One has sometimes to wait while a string of camels winds its way across the playing line; then soldiers will gallop along it; some mornings a few batteries of Turkish artillery

will—or used to—practise their exercises on one of the greens and round about it; and I am told that shepherds will sometimes build their fires on those greens, or somebody else will dump cartloads of rubbish on them. the game goes on as it always will, and one wonders what is the future for it in Turkey now.

#### By ELLA HEPWORTH DIXON.

IN A GOLDEN-YELLOW SHADE:

A DRESS OF VICUNA CLOTH.

The little lacket is worn with a belt.

giving it a blouse effect: the three

quarter sleeves are turned back

with white revers.

FASHIONS FOR ROAD,

MOOR, AND LINKS:

DRESSES FOR SPORT

AND TOURING.

and the War.

The British Public and the War events since the beginning of modern history, and yet the British public-or is it only the London public?—seem more concerned about football results than

in disasters more lurid than Moscow or Sedan. It is a strange state of affairs, this insular indifference to portentous happenings in Europe. Yesterday I

read certain "Conversations about the War" by one of our leading humourists. It was, I suppose, a gentle satire on the ordinary Englishman (for the only one who spoke to the point was a girl), yet it made somewhat mournful reading. But the fact is that the man-in-the-train has little imagination, no

historical sense whatever, and such a limited acquaintance with alien lands and tongues as to make the very names of now famous battlefields a distressing problem. When such a person is confronted by terrible and bewildering events, he often enough solaces himself by trying to be funny. Yet there is an explanation of his indifference, and that is that, on the eve of hostilities, he did not "take sides" in the coming war. And a war is apt, like a race, to be empty of excitement if you have not put your money on a horse. He was inclined to accept Mr. Bernard Shaw's view of, the prowess of "The Chocolate Soldier," and finds, suddenly, that he has been despising intrepid heroes. He had a vague idea that the Turk was invulnerable, at any rate as a fighter, and that, as ruler of the greatest number of Mohammedans in the world, the Briton was bound to display perfect neutrality, if not sympathy with Turkey, in the war which will finally drive the Turks from Europe.



August A Woman-Hater. berg, we are told by Mr. Austin Harrison in the English Review, was definitely made a misogynist

by the fury of the Feminist Movement in Sweden as far back as 1872. He was one of those uncompromising males whose idée fixe is the biological inferiority of women, morally, mentally, and artistically; who accept as the type for all time the particular kind of woman that has been evolved by lack of education and of opportunity for self-development, by centuries of subjection, home-staying, and enforced occupation with trivial things. He held very strongly that there could be no permanent friendship between man and woman, which was probably the reason why his various marriages turned out unhappily, for friendship between husband and wife is the one thing above all to be desired in married life. Strindberg

adored one woman-his mother-but she died when he was thirteen years old; otherwise she might have lost her glamour and taken her place in the long gallery of exceedingly unpleasant females who owe their literary existence to this extraordinary and unhappy genius.

Some people, it would seem, are content to Machine-Made live their entire life on this planet without ever Conversation. thinking an original thought or employing anything but a ready-made phrase. What is current is quite good

enough for them; they are, indeed, bewildered, and possibly a trifle scandalised, if they hear anything which does not resemble the talk of the man in the street or the woman in the drawingroom. Hence the necessity, the enormous popularity, of the modern newspaper, and the well-known reluctance of the editor to print anything out of the common. He, good man, is quite aware that his columns are going to supply the conversation They will repeat-quite of thousands of his worthiest readers. regardless of the fact that their neighbour has read the same journal-all the news of the day to the first person they meet, in the exact language of their favourite paper. The most elementary propriety demands that you do not inflict on a friend a story which he has heard before, yet such is the dearth of imagination and reflection nowadays that the first person you meet -will treat you, in short, to second-hand newspaper.

Machine-made conversations flourish at middle-class dinner - parties, at subscription - balls, and in the stalls of theatres, and the whole sum of this talk is vain, because it does not add one iota to our knowledge of affairs or our observation of life. Better, indeed, to remain silent than to indulge in the cheap and ready-made, but the average person is, as Maeterlinck has shown, terrified and ashamed of that beautiful and dignified thing-Silence.



Mr. George Grossmith's brilliant revue, "Kill that Fly!" which is

drawing all the Town to the New Alhambra, proves that we have acclimatised that essentially Parisian product of wit and actuality. There are, it seems to me, infinite possibilities in this form of acted illustrated newspaper, with caricatures of celebrities on the stage. Since our newspapers are all bristling with pictures, and cinema theatres are idolised by the masses, it is clear that reading, or even listening to dialogue, is no longer in vogue. Restless modern people want something more vivid, more exciting, more appealing than the cold grey printed word. By-and-by, the revue will give the news of the week, if not of the evening, instead of events of the last few months. There will be ample opportunity for satire and humour, and the topical song, which enjoys a sempiternal popularity at the music-halls, will here find its legitimate place. Possibly a small theatre, where everyone could hear plainly what was said or sung, would be more suitable to the coming revue than one of our huge music-halis. There is no reason why the show should not be changed every week and kept in touch with events as they pass, just as a weekly

newspaper must do. Artists of real talent, with a nice appreciation of the significance of pending, as in Gordon Craig's productions, principally on the lighting, and the same method might be applied

the human comedy, would have an incomparable field in which to work. In a theatre in which the items would be so often changed, the scenery would be of the simplest, de-

to the costumes. After all, wit and talent are the two first requisites.

FOR THE LINKS : A GOLF COAT MADE OF VICUNA.

The front of the coat may be closed up or turned back to form the revers: the sleeves are short with deep turned-back cuffs.

# THE WOMAN-ABOUT-TOWN

The Glacicl Glide. There is a fascination about doing it, and watching it, that outlasts that of the roller-roll. Princes' Skating Club, on the smart afternoons, is the place to see the best-dressed and the best-looking women in town. The Duchess of Westminster and Lady Helen Vincent are graceful and clever

skaters; there are always scores of other skaters. I mention these two ladies because they are well known. Young Guardsmen-many of the best-known men about town-take their exercise on the ice. Dress there is charming. An ideal skatingcostume is in white wide-ribbed velveteen—the skirt meets all the prevailing requirement of slimness, but opens up the front seams, allowing free play for skate-shod feet, the opening being filled in with pleated rose-There is a pink soft satin. neat little coat of similar velvet, and on its removal-removed it must be for pleasure on the ice—a charming chiffon blouse is seen with tucked sleeves and yoke, and rose-coloured ribbon run along underneath. Olympia Skating Club-on Sundaysremains quite a fashionable fixture, but the attendance has not yet reached the numbers of last year. Week-ends are still being spent in the country.

Re-Entry of Ribbon.

There is a ribbon craze at present; everyone is wearing it. For a time the undeniable claims of ribbons on smartly dressing women to be a little overlooked in favour of what was apparently newer.

were a little overlooked in favour of what was apparently newer. Now, however, ribbon is an old friend with new faces; it appears in such novel and attractive guise that Dame Fashion has placed it high in favour for the coming season. Waist-bands of satin and velvet ribbons are seen on almost every afternoon and evening dress. Feather and fur necklets, the newest and most popular neckwear of the season, are fastened with handsome ribbon bows. Ribbons are used with excellent effect in the newest evening and bridesmaids' dresses, being run along under chiffon and lace to

SECOND IN THE LADIES' COUNTY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP: THE SURREY TEAM, VICTORIOUS OVER DEVONSHIRE AND STAFFORDSHIRE.

From left to right the figures are; (standing) Miss Kingzett, Miss Beryl Goode, Mrs. Hugh Rigby, Miss L. G. Ross, and Miss E. E. Helme; (sitting) Mrs. Willock Pollen, Mrs. Langton (captain), and Miss Benton. The Ladies' County Championship was finished at Ganton, near Scarborough, on the 7th, and resulted in the victory of Cheshire, the holders. Surrey was second, with two wins and one defeat (by the winners).—[Photograph by Topical.]

dainty little designs. Is it any wonder, then, that there is a boom in ribbons?

American Fair Ladies

Fair Americans are much admiring the new salons—557, Fifth Avenue, New York—to which Mrs. Adair has removed from 21, West

Thirty-Eighth Street. Their admiration is extended to their own personal appearance on emerging from these salons; frequently, also, to that of their friends. The treatment of their skins is so effective, while it is safe and thoroughly reliable. They are never

given away by having names or addresses published, but many testimonies to the success of the work done can be seen privately at 92, New Bond Street.

A charm-A Civic Court. ing group of the Lady Mayoress of London and eleven maids-ofhonour was in evidence on Saturday night at the Guildhall. Our traditions of civic rule are almost as ancient as those of our royal rule; nor are they wanting in glory or in interest. It must be a proud day for a woman when she knows that she is to be Lady Mayoress of London. Lady Burnett wore a Court dress worthy of the occasion. It was of cream colour and gold brocade—the metal heavy and brilliant, and the design excellent. There was an overdress of black lace, edged with gold and wrought with golden wheat-ears. The train of creamcoloured velvet was lined with

gold gauze, which showed in the centre through a veiling of lace and an embroidery of wheat-ears.

We have received the following letter from Messrs. Alfred Cox and Son, Solicitors—

"86, Cannon Street, London, E.C.
"November 7, 1912.

"DEAR SIR.—The attention of our clients the trustees of the estate of the late Mr. George Taylor has been called to the paragraph appearing on page 127 in your issue dated October 30 last, in which it is stated that Mr. Lloyd George has, pending the completion of the house he is building in the neighbourhood, taken



BEATEN BY CHESHIRE, SURREY, AND DEVON, IN THE LADIES' COUNTY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP: THE STAFFORDSHIRE TEAM.

From left to right the figures are: (standing) Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Bayliss, Mrs. Carr, and Mrs. C. Perry; (sitting) Miss N. Pontney, Miss Nadin (captain), and Miss Llewellyn. On the 6th, the Staffordshire team were beaten by Surrey by five matches to two, and by Cheshire by six matches to one. On the 7th they lost to Devon by six to one.

\*Photograph by Topical.\*\*

give a charming effect of subdued colour. Lovely designs in broché velvet raised from pastel-tinted satin in any width from one to nine inches are desirable in the extreme. Persian colourings and designs in ribbons of all widths are lovely; soft satin ribbons in every colour and every nuance of colour, stiffly finished, soft rich faille ribbons—all these are in much demand for hats; while for laundry ribbons there are the most delicate tints and



WINNERS OF THE LADIES' COUNTY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP: THE CHESHIRE TEAM, CONTAINING THE LADY CHAMPION.

From left to right the figures are: (standing) Miss M. Dodd, Mrs. R. W. Shand, Miss M. Thompson (captain), Mrs. P. Cooper, and Miss J. Chambers; (sitting) Miss M. A. Graham, Miss D. Chambers, and Miss Gladys Ravenscroft. Miss Ravenscroft, who is this year's lady champion, had for her opponent in the match against Devon Miss Temple, the runner-up in the Championship, and beat her by 6 and 5.—[Photograph by Topical.]

Margery Hall and about fifty acres of land round the place. As the freeholders of this property, our clients wish to give this statement the most unqualified denial; and as, in consequence of the death of the late owner, the property is for sale, we fear that your publication may have a prejudicial effect.—Yours truly,

"ALFRED COX AND SON."

"The Editor, The Sketch."

#### CITY NOTES.

"SKETCH" CITY OFFICES, 5, QUEEN VICTORIA STREET, E.C.

The Next Settlement begins on Nov. 27.

#### TROUBLED WATER.

T present the outlook on the Stock Exchange, as everywhere else, is dependent entirely upon the political situation, and events are moving so fast that it is most difficult to write a day or two before these lines are read.

If, as is probable, a peaceful solution of the difficulties between Austria and Servia is found, there is little doubt that markets will rapidly improve, for the position is really healthy. On the other hand, it is impossible to ignore the danger of the present situation, and anyone carrying stock for which he is not prepared to pay is running an entirely unjustifiable risk. Speculators must remember that, if no such solution can be found, many shares in which there is normally a free market will become, for the time being, practically Investors who have paid for their stock are, of course, in an entirely different position. We do not wish to be accused of taking an alarmist view, but for the moment caution seems most

#### THE AMERICAN ELECTION.

The Presidential Election resulted in no very startling movement of American securities, as Dr. Wilson's success had been considered a foregone conclusion for some time past. early yet to foresee what will be the effect of any Tariff changes that may be made, and, in any event, they cannot become operative for another twelve months. The new President has been elected by the votes of the moderate section of the nation, and, if for that reason only, any changes that he may make are likely to be a deal less sensational than those of his predecessors at the White House.

A period of rest and freedom from hostile legislation should greatly help the Markets, and the outlook for American securities in general is good. The excellent harvest and trade prosperity will doubtless be reflected in the railway traffics.

On the other hand, there cannot be any sustained upward movement until the Balkan Question is settled: New York has had to absorb a tremendous amount of stock which was sold from the Continent a week or so back, and until London and the Continent can be counted upon to play their part, it would be difficult to engineer a general advance.

#### AN ATTRACTIVE BOND.

Anyone who wishes to take an interest in American securities without any great risk would do well to consider some of the railroad companies' convertible bonds, where they will receive a regular return on their investment, and have the possibility of considerable capital appreciation. Among the best are the Twenty Year 4 Per cent. Convertible Bonds of the Southern Pacific Railroad, which can be converted into Ordinary stock at any time before June 1919 at 130 dols. per share of 100 dols. The interest is payable halfyearly, and at the present price the yield is about 4 3-16 per cent., while the security is quite first-class.

For the year ending June 30 last the net earnings were 20,614,000 dols., and 6 per cent. has been paid for the last five years on the Common stock, of which 272 million dollars have been issued.

For the current year the figures so far available show a net increase of 1,693,000 dols., and the Company, through its connections right down the Pacific coast to Ogden, California, and Mexico, stands to benefit largely from the opening of the Panama Canal.

#### TOMBOY GOLD MINES.

The shareholders in this Company have every reason to congratulate themselves on the results shown by last year's working, and the mine must be considered one of the most successful of the American gold mines which are in English hands.

For the year ending June 30, although a smaller amount of ore was treated, the yield per ton was higher, and the working profit amounted to £86,861, compared with £63,860 for 1910-11. The dividend of 10 per cent. absorbed £31,000, and the whole cost of the new property—namely, £82,000—was paid out of the year's profits. At the meeting on Friday the chairman referred to prospects of paying 20 per cent., at least, in the near future, and as the value of the ore in the new property is turning out richer than was expected, we have little doubt that this rate will be achieved. At their current price, therefore, we regard the shares as a promising mining purchase.

#### THE GOLDFIELDS DIVIDEND.

The dividend announcement of the Consolidated Goldfields of South Africa for the year ending June 30 last was even less satisfactory than had been anticipated.

The net profits, after payment of Debenture interest, amounted to £496,000 compared with £792,880 for the preceding twelve months. The Ordinary shares received an interim dividend of 1s. 6d. per share, and the final distribution now announced is 2s., making  $17\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. for the year, against 30 per cent. for 1910-11, and 35 per cent. for 1909-10 and 1908-9. A year ago £100,000 was

allocated to the writing down of investments, but on this occasion.

No schedule of the share assets has been given since 1910, and twelve months ago it was stated that there was no material change in the general position or nature of its investments, which are widely distributed, and it will be interesting to see what details are forthcoming in the Report.

It appears almost impossible for anyone unacquainted with the secrets of the board-room to value the Ordinary shares on their merits, and profits must always fluctuate in accordance with market conditions. The shares would be among the first to benefit from an advance in South African mining shares, but at the present price the yield is only about 5 1-8 per cent.

#### THE EASTERN EXTENSION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The results shown by this undertaking for the six months ending June 30 last are eminently satisfactory, as there was an increase of £38,100 in gross receipts, and the net revenue of £201,600 shows an improvement of £23,500 over the corresponding period of 1911.

The system of deferred cables at half the ordinary rates for despatch during the slack hours of the day was inaugurated on Jan. 1 of this year, and these results show that the innovation is as advantageous to the Company as it is to the public.

This Company's career has been one of continued prosperity, as, during the last thirty-eight years, quarterly dividends have been paid at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, and at the end of each of the last twenty-two, an additional bonus of 2 per cent. has been forthcoming. On the present occasion, £75,000 is transferred to the reserve account, bringing the total up to over a million-and-aquarter.

The £10 Ordinary shares now stand at £13, so the yield, including the bonus, is a trifle over 51 per cent., and we think there are few sounder investments to give this yield in the Market.

#### THE CHINESE LOAN.

The scare of a week ago over the new Chinese Loan seems to have been due to a misunderstanding and to over-anxiety on the part of the Chinese authorities to satisfy holders of this issue. The position is now exactly as it was when the loan was made, and our opinion, that the Bonds are distinctly attractive, remains unaltered. Mr. Crisp's letter to the Press gives a very plain history of the whole transaction.

#### FINANCE IN A CITY CLUB.

Within three minutes' walk from the Stock Exchange there is a good-sized club, the very existence of which is unknown to thousands of people who pass by daily. Its members are gathered from all quarters of the world: the buzz of conversation in the smokingroom abounds in references to adits, drives, lodes, cross-cuts, shafts, quartz, and every imaginable kind of metal.

"Come to lunch with us to-day, will you?"

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Most of the tables are occupied, but by luck—" You come right along in here; I'm away to have a smoke," and the speaker hooks his arm in that of his friend, leaving the table vacant.

The menu—quite a simple and plain-sailing affair—before anything else. Then you are free to look at the general mise-en-scène, description of which would possibly entertain a reader were it in competent hands.

The company, let us acquaint you, is made up largely of engineering folk, directors, secretaries, a few Stock Exchange men, a few representatives of firms whose names are household words the world over.

"I never give a tip and I never take one," comes from the table at the back. "What I haven't made by not doing so is balanced, I reckon, by what I haven't lost."

"Counsels of perfection," his vis-à-vis replies. "I admit it's wrong to take a tip, but a man will never make a stockbroker, for instance, who doesn't give advice."

"These mining markets are horribly perplexing," you hear at another table. "If you sell a bear of things, they are sure to go up, and if you are so rash as to be a bull, that 's fatal."

"You speak as if prices moved both ways at once, and both

against you!"

"At times it really seems as though they did. Is anybody making money just now?"

"Precious few, because Markets are so erratic that if you do make a bit out of one thing, you are pretty certain to lose it in something else."

"Those two men over there?" we reply to you ("Chin-chin").
"Both newspaper-writers. I suppose they get a lot of useful information here; anyway, we see them frequently enough.'
"And the pair at the next table?"

"One's a mining engineer with a reputation; the other is in the same profession, but has earned notoriety."

"Then I know whose income I would rather have," you say,

laughing when we accuse you of cynicism-cum-greed.

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#### THINGS NEW: AT THE THEATRES.

THE new comedietta at the Playhouse which precedes "The Little Café" is a rather clever little piece, called "The Dusty Road," of which the author is Mr. Wilfred T. Coleby, from whom we have had nothing very remarkable since his able comedy entitled "The Sway Boat." Although "The Dusty Road" is amusing in the somewhat elaborate fun made by a young wife at the expense of her pretentious aunt, one feels that it is rather in the nature of a joke than a play; and that the characters are not quite real. It gave an opportunity to Miss Athene Seyler for acting very brightly as the young wife; whilst the part of the aunt was played quite ably by Miss Helen Rous. "The Little Café" seems to have caught on, if one can judge by the very hearty laughter with which it was received. Mr. Cyril Maude has not played for quite a long time any character which gives him so many opportunities of exhibiting his talent.

The Pioneer Players gave a revival for one night of Miss Christopher St. John's powerful play, "The Good Hope"—originally produced in 1903 by the Stage Society, and afterwards "toured" by Miss Ellen Terry. Probably the play would, ere now, have found a London home on account of its great acting quality and strong story, but for the fact that it is somewhat painful. Miss Ellen Terry is the central figure of this revival, and if she did a little less than full justice to her powers, she certainly made a great impression in some scenes. A very strong, even startling, performance, was given by Mr. Harcourt Williams, and there was admirable work by Mr. Godfrey Tearle and Mr. Nigel Playfair; whilst the acting of Miss Ellen O'Malley, Miss Edith Craig, and Miss Katherine Pole was of considerable merit. One may well add that the Dutch costumes, which were designed by Miss Edith Craig, were very quaint and picturesque.

"Instinct" delighted the audience at the Duke of York's chiefly by the remarkable acting of Miss Lilian Braithwaite and Mr. Aubrey Smith, who both gave highly emotional performances of quite exceptionally fine quality and were accorded an enthusiastic reception. Mr. Penrhyn Stanlaws' version of the Kistemaeckers play shows a melodrama skilfully handled, but pretentious and rather empty in style. There is a lot of talk about the inherent savage instinct and the veneer of civilisation, in order to justify the title, but no

one will take it seriously. And some may smile at the "maternal instinct" which induces a handsome, childless, married woman to receive the passionate love-making of a full-grown poet, and even permit him to come at midnight to her bedroom to bid good-bye when she is about to go abroad; "maternal instinct" does seem a trifle thin, though one believes that the lady did not mean to grant all the poet wanted. Still, the play is effective, and the first act is quite cleverly devised to create interest. During this act there was some clever work by Miss Mary Raby and Mr. Tom Mowbray. Mr. Norman McKeown played very well throughout.

"A Venetian Night" which was to have been produced at the Palace Theatre on Monday of last week, was stopped by the Lord Chamberlain on his representative's report of the dress-rehearsal. On the 7th the Lord Chamberlain himself, Lord Sandhurst, attended a private performance with a view to possibly reconsidering his decision.

Many sympathisers will, no doubt, be glad to respond to the appeal made by the Bulgarian Legation on behalf of the Bulgarian soldiers wounded in the war, the families of those killed, and the thousands of destitute refugees from Macedonia and Thrace who have flocked into Bulgaria. Queen Eleonora of Bulgaria is at the head of the relief work, and all contributions, in money or kind, are forwarded to her personally. Not a penny of the fund is used for postage or transport. Next to money, the most welcome gifts are blankets, rugs, and warm clothing. All gifts may be sent to the Bulgarian Relief Fund, Bulgarian Legation, 3, Queensberry Place, London, S.W. Those for the sick and wounded should be marked "Red Cross"; the rest will go to the destitute. Crossed cheques may be made payable to the Bulgarian Relief Fund, Crédit Lyonnais, 4, Cockspur Street, London, W.C.

There will, doubtless, be a generous response likewise to the appeal made by Mme. Grouitch, wife of the Servian Chargé d'Affaires, on behalf of Servians wounded, sick, and destitute through the war. Contributions in money or kind will be gladly received. Blankets, linen, and shirts are specially needed, and can be sent to Mme. Grouitch, c.o. Messrs. Pryor and Part, 28, Sloane Street, S.W. Crossed cheques may be made payable to Mme. Grouitch, Servian Legation, 40, Pont Street, S.W. Each contribution that is received will be acknowledged.

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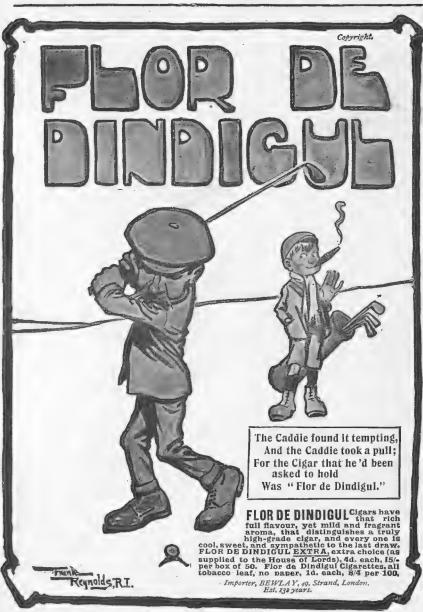
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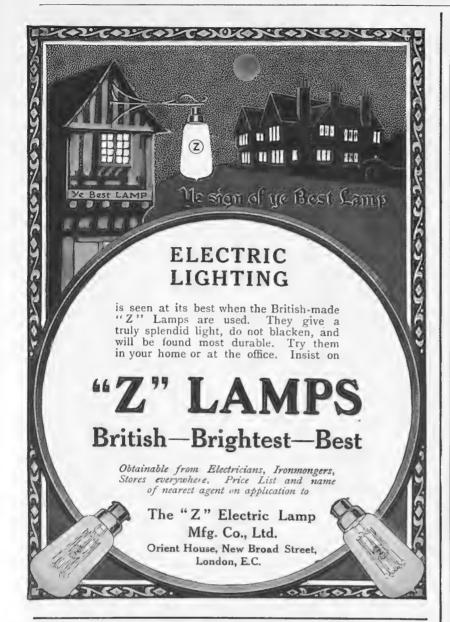
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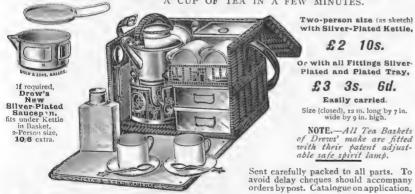
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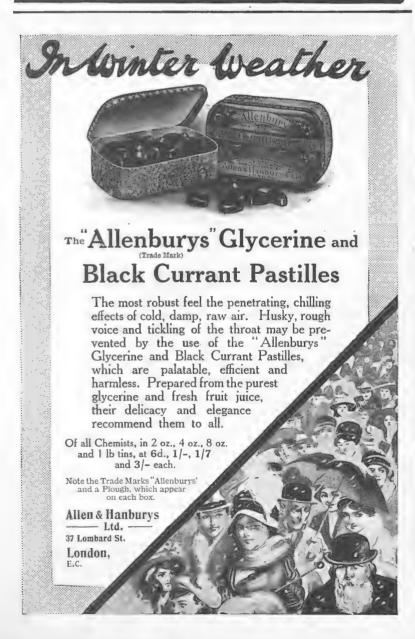
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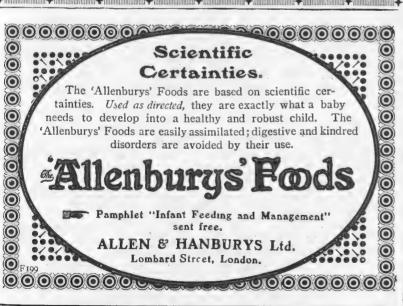


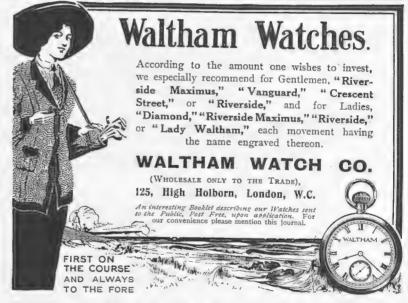


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"These Russian mines are jolly good propositions in their way," says a bysitter with a taste for pronounced patterns in trouserings. I believe we are going to see Kyshtim one of the biggest gold things in the world.

That will take time?"

"Surely, but most big things do take time. And many big people," he added, "ought to be doing time."

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"Everyone lost money over them."

- "Did they? Glad I don't count," says your neighbour.
- "You were a wicked bear?"

  As unabashed as wicked."

- "Then you've got some of my hard-earned money!"
  "Really? Let's liquidate the account. Waiter!"
- "What ought one to do with West Africans, now?"

"Keep them until they buck up a bit, and then-out 'em like

"Do you know, we must be getting away now. Not a bit. So delighted you came—beautiful tobacco, this. Yes, we go out this

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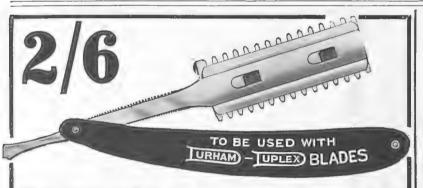
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Church.—You have a very heavy loss, but the position looks so bad that we doubt whether the reconstruction will be any good. We think you would be wise to cut your loss and let the lot go.

Brantwaite.—The Oil share you mention is very risky, and we don't advise. See this week's Note on Telegraph shares. City of Pernambuco Bonds or Chilian Northern Railway Debentures should suit you.

Humber.—(r) We do not care to advise you: (2) The Company is gradually improving its position. (3) Unions may well go to 200 during the next year or so. (4) The Company is doing well, but we have no special information. (5) Should improve, and may go somewhere near your figure. (6) Rhodesian Railway Trusts will improve with the rest of the market one day, but Cement Ordinary appear overvalued.

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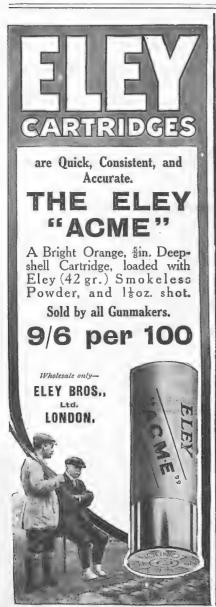
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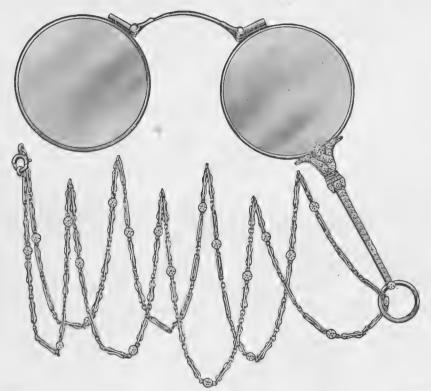


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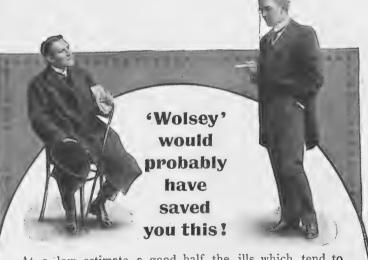


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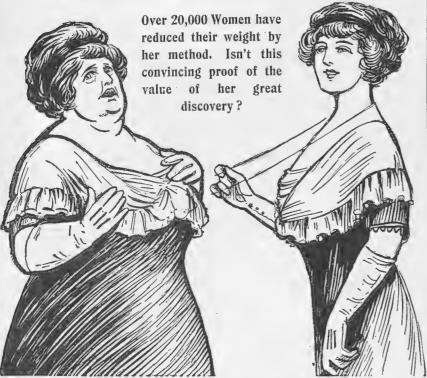
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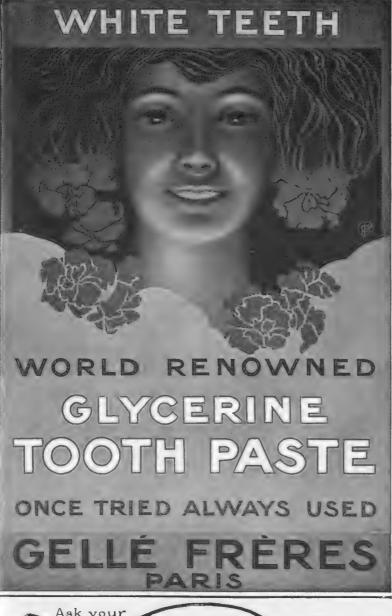
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It was all very well for bluff Sir William Treloar merrily to paint up, during his year of office, "Nobody likes long speeches except those who make them"; the occasion is one on which the nation is represented as looking for important pronouncements from the man to whom it has, for the time being, committed its destinies. The guest of the evening, at any rate, takes his duties seriously. Mr. Chamberlain has told us that he has never risen to address the House of Commons without a feeling of acute nervousness. Lord Randolph Churchill, on going down to meet the Governors of the Bank of England, was so nervous that he would walk about the exterior of the building for half-an-hour before venturing into the presence of the money kings. But Gladstone was wont to say that the only occasion on which he felt his knees knocking together was when rising to address the company at the Lord Mayor's banquet.

Precedent, after all, is what the banquet, equally with the Constitution, rests upon. It happened, 332 years ago, that the mayoral banquet was postponed. Queen Bess had not been consulted, and, through her Lords of the Council, she sent the Lord Mayor and Aldermen a thumping reprimand. Why had the ancient and honourable Feast been omitted without permission or allowance? Let the Lord Mayor and Aldermen send forthwith to the Council some persons well instructed to explain the cause. The letter of the poor Lord Mayor of the period, Sir John Branch, is an epistolary gem, and one can imagine the glee with which the Queen read it.

The Feast had been omitted, his terrified Lordship explained, "not on account of any sparing, but lest, through the feeble state of his health, he should not be able to bear the pain requisite. The day, being a fish day, which could not be altered, if the Feast had been holden publicly, it must have been either with offence to the laws and orders in force, in respect of diet, or with great dishonour to the State, for lack of seemly provision." His Lordship hastened to assure her Majesty that he "intended to invite them" on some more convenient day. And, at the close, he managed to screw up his

courage to add humbly that "it had not been usual to obtain permission of her Majesty or the Council" to omit the Feast.

It is to be believed that the good Lord Mayor's nerves were a little on the stretch after that last sentence, for this letter is immediately followed by one written to Lord Burghley, beseeching him to explain all matters to her Majesty in respect of the omission. Apparently the plea that he could not face the pain of a fish dinner saved the good Sir John, for the Queen left his head upon his shoulders. But the lesson was not forgotten. In the following year pestilence raged in the City when the time for making the Feast drew near, and the Lord Mayor and Aldermen wrote asking whether they might, "with her Majesty's good allowance," hold their banquet. Yes, they might, the Lords of the Council replied, but they ordered that the City authorities should strictly put in order the directions against infection "as well in the houses of the rich as in the poor." But, in the following year, the Queen did actually forbid the dinner, directing that the money should be saved and given to the poor.

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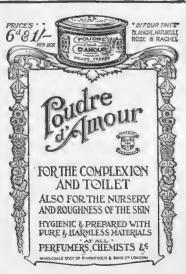
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By H. H. MUNRO (SAKI). (The Bodley Head.)

The unbearable Bassington was the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. Her soul is said to have found expression in the decorative objects which she had collected for her drawing - room. "Into that comfortable, drawing - room.

quaint-shaped room of angles and bays and alcoves had sailed, as into a harbour, those precious personal possessions and trophies that had survived the buffeting and storms of a not very tranquil married life." And thus the Dresden figures, the Worcester teaservices, the Bokharan rugs, the antique silver, and the Van der Meulen masterpiece which dominated these stood to represent the deepest contacts of her being with love, with idealism, and with sacrifice. From school and college young Bassington had come to move in and out among them, the warm, living, breathing thing that was hers to love, and she turned her eyes from that comely figure to adore a few feet of painted canvas, or a musty relic of a long-departed craftsman. But if Francesca Bassington had her temperament, young Comus Bassington had his-one that led him towards exasperating selfishness, insurmountable folly and perverseness, and a cruelty that spared not even himself. Francesca was poor as her world went. Even her drawing-room was hers only by grace of an unmarried heiress, for the house which had been left to Francesca by an old friend was to pass to the friend's niece as a wedding-present. The niece was now seventeen, and any hopes of a match between her and Comus had been dashed by his naughtiness at the outset. When his mother obtained for him a secretaryship to a Colonial Governor, he escaped exile by insulting the aforesaid Governor in the Times. When she indicated an entirely desirable heiress, already responsive to the undoubted charm of his personality, and for whom Comus felt the sincere attraction which is becoming to a suitor, he inevitably ruined his prospects by cynical borrowings of fivers from the young woman, wherewith to pay his gambling debts. Small wonder that poor Francesca exerted herself to get him a job on the West Coast of Africa! The black-sheep export trade, Comus called it. And then, when all was too late, his mother found her heart and denied her soul, and agonised in her drawing-room for the adorable, unbearable son who would never return. Behind the veil of this gloomy little tragedy there sparkles a fine pattern of wit and epigram. There is the wistful phrase for the Little Englander: "Happy is the country that has no geography." There is the proverbial assertion that "the telephone has robbed matrimony of most of its sting." There is some delicious satire on Society, on art and literature as practised of late, and on politics, in which a certain Sir Edward Roan comes off poorly. Everyone succeeds in being smartly amusing in Mr. Munro's hands; even the dullards without a gospel or a revelation, and "only suggestive of Exodus," as Comus once remarked, play up to the general entertainment.

"Pansy Meares." Pansy's history is the somewhat lurid one of an innocent, puritanical rustic whom circum-By Horace W. C. Newte. stances have exposed to a seduction of the most (Chatto and Windus.) alluring kind which London offers to the young

and beautiful. Some burning questions arise by the way. shop-girls live is one of the most prominent. Pansy herself, though of average ability, entirely failed to. But Pansy was exceptionally beautiful, and exceptionally gifted to keep the affections of men-Nature's compensation, no doubt, for her less tenacious hold on her situations. She retains throughout the story the love of the aristocratic " blood," of the honest farmer, and of the coarse hypocrite. Aristocracy gets the best of the bargain, and honesty receives a certain amount of compensation. The constantly recurring note is one of meals. They vary infinitely according to the restaurant, and that varies from the "palatial hotels in Piccadilly" to the Six Bells and a tea-shop. Pansy's vicissitudes could not be better expressed than by reference from "bust" she once went on biscuits and a bottle of pickles, to the moment when she spoke of only a simple little dinner-just cutlets, a duck, and a savoury!"

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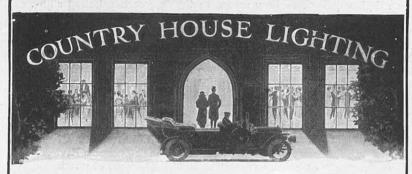


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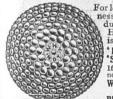
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to that experiment and its ultimate frustration at the old man's death, who, by leaving no will, gave his elder son the power to turn his favourite son adrift and penniless-or so Mrs. Grand's law would assume. But the population of the village, from the Castle down, share the honours with Adnam. Beside the duke and his party, and the respective households belonging to the squire and the rector, there are a group of country folk who each and all fall to the reader as impartially as those slices from the resolutely cut loaf. The most remarkable is a beautiful young rustic, something of a New Woman, who studies German, uses French idioms, quotes Keats, revives a lost lace, and gets translated to a shop in Bond Street. Everyone has turns of speaking at great length on Socialism exactly as an intelligent literary lady might be expected to speak; and everywhere birth, its sharp, ineffaceable landmarks, its fatal individual stamp, is impressively dwelt upon. As the most sinister portent of the story floats blackly undischarged over the Castle, and as Adnam starts out to face life only on the last page, it looks very much as if we may meet again for further Fabian discourses, and hear more of the tyranny of "blood" in the blue sense understood of the lady who resembled Hamlet's Aunt.

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